

Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 8th January 2021

NEW SCHOOL TELEPHONE 0151 477 8815

**CLOSING DATE FOR RECEPTION APPLICATIONS IS 15TH JANUARY.
APPLY ONLINE TODAY.**

WELCOME TO A NEW TERM

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term, although it is not the term we were expecting. As you know the prime minister announced a return to home learning for the majority of children until February half term. This took us all by surprise. Thank you to all our school staff who quickly made arrangements to welcome the children of key workers on Tuesday morning. Thank you to all the parents who have been patient while we made arrangements for remote learning. Last of all to our wonderful children, who after expecting to be coming back to school have had to adapt once again to a new normal.

It is vitally important during this time that we keep in touch with each other. School is here to help and support you and your children as much as we can. Please keep in contact with your children's teachers so we know how you are getting on and to ask for advice and support via and through the Seesaw app. The office is open and Mrs Jamieson and Mrs Cable will try their best to answer any queries and pass on messages.

Please stay safe.

Kind regards, Mrs Byrne

Remote Learning

For all those children not currently attending home learning has been added to the school website. Links to the year group pages are on the home page.

From 18th January, we will move to using Seesaw. Seesaw is an app which allows children to complete work and upload pictures and videos to their own personal portfolio. It also allows teachers to comment and communicate directly with their children.

During the next week, you will receive an email from your children's class teacher with their own unique log in. Please keep this safe. This can be used to log into Seesaw for the first time. The email will include some very useful information about using Seesaw and a suggested daily timetable.

More information and a very useful video about Seesaw can be found on our school website here;

<https://stmargaretmary.schooljotter2.com/year-groups/remote-learning>





THE EPIPHANY

On Wednesday 6th January, we celebrated the feast of the Epiphany. This feast remembers the arrival of the wise men to the baby Jesus. The story appears in the Gospel of Luke. We are told that the wise men came from far away lands. It reminds us that Jesus came for everyone, for everyone in the world, no matter our home, background or colour.

This week, the children were asked to think about the gifts the Wise Men brought to Jesus and the gifts we can give to him through prayer and our actions.

A Prayer to Share

Father, when the Magi came to visit Jesus, your love was revealed for all people. May we too by our lives lived out by the guiding of your Holy Spirit, reveal your love for everyone. AMEN

WELL BEING

During this time, looking after our mental health and well being is very important. On our school website is a page dedicated to sharing ideas and resources to look after our own and our children's well being.

A new resource has just been added to the page from CAHMS (Children and Adolescents Mental Health Service) which contains lots of very useful ideas about how to maintain your children's well being.

It can be found here,

<https://stmargaretmary.schooljotter2.com/parents/well-being-award>



A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us
A mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise
Your glorious name. Amen



(A modern prayer for the New Year from www.lords-prayer-words.com)

Read more at: https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/times/new_year_prayer.html