

Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents,

First of all, we would like to thank you for your support this half term. On the evening of Monday 4th January, none of us fully expected the announcement that Boris Johnson would make and that it would take effect so quickly. For those parents who have kept their children at home and worked so hard with remote learning. Thank you. Your replies have brought a smile to all our faces. To the children who have come to school everyday. Thank you. You have been great, as always.

Thank you to all our staff; teachers, teaching assistants and support staff. They have needed to adapt very quickly to changing circumstances and pulled off the challenge of teaching children in class and at home at the same time.

We have been told that an announcement will be made soon after half term to let us know about how and when more children will return to school. As soon as we know, we will plan for a smooth return and of course inform you.

I hope you have a lovely half term.

Kind regards, Mrs Byrne

A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL CHILDREN'S CENTRES

Dear Parents and Carers,

If any parent is looking for employment or know a family or friend that would benefit from more information please contact Lauren at Stoneycroft and Knotty Ash Children Centre on 0151 233 4770 or her direct email lauren.anderson@liverpool.gov.uk.

The Children Centre are able to offer support to anyone age 16 above looking for employment, the person seeking help with employment doesn't need to be a parent it could be family or a friend.

NURSERY APPLICATIONS



If your child turns three before the 1st September 2021, they will be entitled to 15 hours free nursery provision.

For working parents, your child may be entitled to 30 hours free provision.

Our nursery offers both 30 hour and 15 hour places.

We are receiving nursery applications now and places are limited.

If you would be interested in your child joining our nursery this year, applications are available in the foyer of school or email school and one can be sent to you.

Please speak to our office staff, who will be happy to help you.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR LOCAL CAFOD TEAM.

At 2pm on Saturday 20th February, CAFOD is asking everyone to take part in the [Big Walk for Water](#) to raise funds to help reduce the effects of water poverty in countries such as Ethiopia, one of the hottest place on Earth. You may also like to take part in the [Water Droplet Trail](#) too.

Perhaps families can post photos on social media and tag the school and @CAFODLiverpool too.



ST MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH

Father Ian has decided that during this time the church will not be open to the public for private prayer and daily Mass. This will be the case until the local rate of infections decreases.

[St Margaret Mary Liverpool - YouTube](#)

Please follow this link for the parish newsletter
[School Jotter - Site \(schooljotter2.com\)](#)

BAPTISMS are postponed during the lockdown. If you would like to start the process for having your child baptised please contact Fiona and Laura, our co-ordinators, by email: smmbaptisms@outlook.com

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. This year, it falls on Wednesday 17th February. On this day, Catholics and Christians around the world will observe fasting and abstinence which means eating a little less and not eating meat.



Lent is a time of prayer, reflection and works of love in preparation for Easter. Many people choose to give something up or to do a little extra.

A Children's Prayer for Lent

Lord, please show me what I should give up for Lent

And when I've given it up

Remind me to pray to You instead

To thank You To love You To hear from You Each and every day in Lent Amen



Congratulations to Mr McManus and his fiancée Hannah on the birth of their baby boy, James.



"Be yourself, because the people who **mind don't matter. And the people that **matter**, don't mind."**
– Dr. Seuss

Family Learning

Below you will find some information about the latest Family Learning courses on offer. Please get in touch if you would like any more information, or to book onto one of the FREE courses.

Key Stage 2 Maths (Year 3 – Year 6) - If you would like to know how you can support your child with learning the 4 rules of number (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division), we offer a series of 2 workshops called 'Key Stage 2 Maths'. These sessions are offered remotely via Zoom and take about 2 hours. You will be given information on how children in Key Stage 2 are taught maths, exploring a range of methods used in schools today. You will also receive ideas for how you can support your child.

Key Stage 2 Maths – 2 sessions

		Tutor
9.30am – 11.30am	Friday 5 th March – Session 1 Friday 12 th March – Session 2	Annmaria
1pm -3pm	Friday 5 th March – Session 1 Friday 12 th March – Session 2	Vicky

Keeping Up With The Kids Maths - is a 5 week course covering all aspects of maths. We have an Early Years version for parents/carers of children in Nursery –Y2 and a Key Stage 2 version for parents/ carers of children in Y3 –Y6. You will be able to brush up your maths skills in order to be able to support your child more effectively. We will explore the latest teaching methods being used in schools. You can do any or all of the courses on offer. We will provide you with the activities, instructions and resources, and support you to have a successful learning experience. The course is delivered via Zoom. You will meet for an hour per week as a group. See the timetable below for further details.

Keeping up with the kids Maths - Week commencing 22nd February 2021 - 5 weekly sessions

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10am - 11am		Annmaria KUWTK Numeracy Nursery –Y2	Vicky KUWTK Numeracy Nursery – Y2		Vicky KUWTK Numeracy Y3-Y6
1pm – 2pm	Vicky KUWTK Numeracy Nursery – Y2	Annmaria KUWTK Numeracy Nursery –Y2	Vicky KUWTK Numeracy Y3-Y6	Vicky KUWTK Numeracy Nursery-Y2	

Connect 5 - is a course to support families to develop their resilience and manage their emotional health and wellbeing more effectively. We have re-modelled the course for remote delivery via Zoom. It will run over 5 weeks with sessions lasting approximately one hour. The course gives parents/young people an understanding of mental health, it looks at the teenage brain and issues teenagers/young people face and offers strategies for managing stress and building resilience.

Connect 5 - 5 weekly sessions

1pm -2pm	Dates for the course: Tuesday 23 rd Feb, 2 nd , 9 th , 16 th and 23 rd March 2021	Tutor - Vicky
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To book a place choose the day/time which suits you best and ring/email the relevant tutor.

Annmaria - 07825 117 500 annmaria.miller@knowsley.gov.uk

Vicky - 07825 117 487 victoria.powell@knowsley.gov.uk

ALL Family Learning courses are FREE to everyone. If you do not wish to use Zoom but would still like to take part in our courses, please get in touch and we can discuss other ways we can support you to take part. We look forward to working with you soon. □