

# Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 19th March 2021

Dear Parents,

We have had yet another lovely week in school. Today, the children have been taking part in 'Laughter Ever After'. Laughter really is the best medicine! Laughter, fake or real has so many benefits for the mind and body and the positive effects of laughter travel through your body and produce all of these happy benefits.

## Benefits of laughing:

- **PHYSICAL HEALTH** - provides low impact exercise, regulates blood pressure, reduces pain, increases oxygen, boosts the immune system
- **MENTAL HEALTH** - helps to think more clearly, breaks cycles of negative thinking, stress management
- **EMOTIONAL HEALTH** - helps depression and anxiety, helps boost happiness and joy
- **SOCIAL HEALTH** - improves cooperation, communication, and empathy, improves connection
- **SPIRITUAL HEALTH** - inner harmony, joy, and peace

Thank you to Mrs Harris and Mrs Perry for organising this. Ask your child about the activities they have been doing in school today!

Mrs Maddocks x



## FAMILY LEARNING OFFER

A message from the Family Learning Team:

Dear parents/ carers,

The Family Learning service have developed numeracy packs, containing fun activities to help you to support your child with maths. If your child is in Y1 or Y2 and you would like to request a pack, all you need to do is contact me directly on the details below. Packs will be delivered to school with your child's name on and you will complete the activities with your child/ children at home.

If you are interested in taking part, please contact me directly on:

Phone number : 07825117482

Email: [ann.curley@knowsley.gov.uk](mailto:ann.curley@knowsley.gov.uk)

I look forward to talking to you soon.



## 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.



## ST MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH

Father Ian has confirmed that Church is now open for mass.  
Masses will take place on Thursdays at 10.00a.m.  
Saturdays at 5.30p.m. and Sundays at 10.00a.m.

Please follow this link for the parish newsletter

[St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School - Parish Newsletters \(stmargaretmarysinfant.com\)](http://stmargaretmarysinfant.com)

**Baptisms** are postponed until 17th May at the earliest. 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](mailto:smmbaptisms@outlook.com)

Please see below what Fr Ian is offering in church for Holy Week this year:

# H O L Y



# W E E K

**Palm Sunday Masses:** Saturday at 5:30pm & Sunday at 10am

**Tuesday: Stations of the Cross** at 6pm

**Wednesday: Mass of Chrism** at 6pm – *live-streamed from the Cathedral*

**Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper** - 6pm - *no Washing of feet or Watching* - finish with Holy Communion like other Masses during COVID-19

**Good Friday – no Walk of Witness; Celebration of the Lord's Passion** - 3pm - *no Holy Communion* - finish with Veneration of the Cross

**Holy Saturday** - *no Easter Vigil*

**Easter Sunday** - Masses at 9am & 11am.

## COVID 19 SAFETY

Please follow the safety measures we have in place when dropping off and picking up your child to and from school:

- Wear a face mask at ALL times when on the school grounds.
- Please ensure social distancing at ALL times.
- Please arrive on time:
  - not early: to avoid gatherings on the playground.
  - not late: as children will miss valuable teaching time.
- Please queue on the path around Church, NOT on the road.
- Please DO NOT park on the Church car park.

This is for everyone's safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Each Friday, we have a 'virtual' Celebration Assembly in school. Two children are chosen each week in each class for a 'Superstar Award'. This could be for trying hard, being a good friend or any other wonderful reason.



## SMART WATCHES

Children are not permitted to wear smart watches in school. They may get damaged or lost and some watches have facilities that breach our Safeguarding policy. Please leave them at home. Thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.



## COVID 19 AND ATTENDANCE

If anyone in a household is showing symptoms of Covid 19, nobody from the household should come near school.

If someone is waiting for a Covid 19 test result, the whole household should not come to school. If you are waiting for a test for your child and this comes back positive over the weekend please email [COVID19@stmargaretmarysinfant.com](mailto:COVID19@stmargaretmarysinfant.com).

If anyone in a household has a cough, a temperature or loss of taste or smell, then a PCR test is needed, at a test centre, lateral flow tests cannot be used!

We do not want anyone put at risk!

## LOCKDOWN EASING

### AS ANNOUNCED BY THE PRIME MINISTER ON

#### STEP 1 8 March

29 March

##### EDUCATION

###### 8 MARCH

- Schools and colleges open for all students
- Practical Higher Education courses

##### SOCIAL CONTACT

###### 8 MARCH

- Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person
- Household only indoors

###### 29 MARCH

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

##### BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

###### 8 MARCH

- Wraparound care, including sport, for all children

###### 29 MARCH

- Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities
- All outdoor children's activities
- Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

##### TRAVEL

###### 8 MARCH

- Stay at home
- No holidays

###### 29 MARCH

- Minimise travel
- No holidays

##### EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings and wakes (6)

#### STEP 2

No earlier than 12 April

At least 5 weeks after Step 1

##### EDUCATION

- As previous step

##### SOCIAL CONTACT

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

##### BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- All retail
- Personal care
- Libraries & community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

##### TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays

##### EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings, wakes, receptions (15)
- Event pilots

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF OUR TERM DATES IN YOUR DIARIES  
JUST TO REMIND YOU THAT THE INSET DAY IN APRIL WAS  
REPLACED IN DECEMBER AND THAT THE MAY HOLIDAYS WERE  
BROUGHT FORWARD 1 WEEK**

**St Margaret Mary's Infant School  
Terms and Holidays  
2020-2021**

**Autumn Term 2020 Wednesday 2nd September 2020 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Autumn Half Term	Break up Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2020 Return Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2020
Christmas Holiday	Break up Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 Return Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Spring Term 2021 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 to Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021**

Spring Half Term	Break up Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 Return Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021
Spring Holiday	Break up Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 Return Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Summer Term 2021 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

May Day	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021
Summer Half Term	Break up Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2021 Return Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June 2021
Summer Holidays	Break up Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Inset Days**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021