

Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 16th April 2021

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to say a huge WELL DONE to Owen for being awarded the Lord Derby Achievement Award. We are all very proud of him and I am sure you would like to join us in saying a big CONGRATULATIONS!!!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

PLEASE CONTINUE TO FOLLOW ALL COVID 19 SAFETY MEASURES IN SCHOOL.
This is to keep us all safe. Thank you.

- Wear a face mask at ALL times when on the school grounds.
- Please follow the one way system.
- Please ensure social distancing at ALL times.
- Please arrive on time—not early and not late.

We had a near miss on the church car park this week:

- **Please queue and walk on the path around Church, NOT on the road.**
- **Please DO NOT park on the Church car park.**



If you are waiting for a test for your child and this comes back positive over the weekend please email COVID19@stmargaretmarysinfant.com.

PARENTS EVENING VIA SCHOOL CLOUD

On Wednesday and Thursday evening, we had our first Parents Evening via School Cloud. This was a great success and we look forward to the Parents Evenings next Wednesday 21st (N1) and Thursday 22nd April. Thank you to all the staff and parents for adapting to this new way of communicating with one another. It is great to have the opportunity to celebrate the children's achievements and successes with you all at home.

If you have not yet booked an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher, please follow this link <https://stmargaretmaryscatholic.schoolcloud.co.uk>

EASTER CHALLENGES!

Well done to everyone who took part in our Easter challenges! Every single egg design was egg-cellent and every Easter Bonnet was just gorgeous! Enjoy your special treat and certificate!
WELL DONE!

The Knowsley Feelgood and Knowsley Flower Show have unfortunately been cancelled this year but instead there is a lovely project for people and particularly young people to take part in.

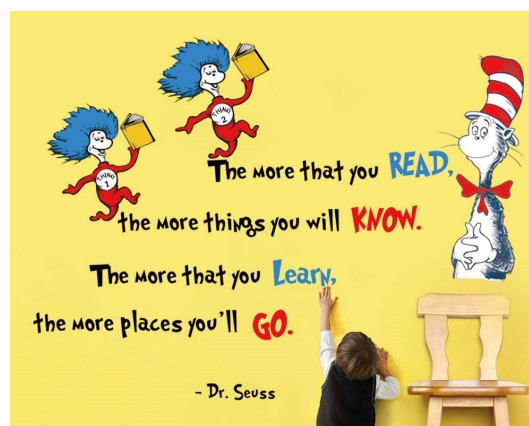


#KnowsleySunflowerChallenge

Will you join our [#KnowsleySunflowerChallenge](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/#KnowsleySunflowerChallenge)? We're inviting everyone in Knowsley to plant a sunflower from seed, then share your progress using this hashtag - together we'll create a gallery of sunflowers for everyone to enjoy this summer. Please click this link for more details <http://orlo.uk/wretF>

KNOWSLEY LIBRARY SERVICES

On Monday 12th April, many of the library services across Knowsley resumed. This includes Select and Collect and the home delivery service. Find out how this affects your local library <http://orlo.uk/UC9ts>



He is not here,
FOR HE IS
RISEN

—Matthew 23:6

God made you and God made me, He made the world for us to see.
God loves you and long ago, He sent his Son to tell us so.
Jesus showed us many things, To love and share and dance and sing.
To learn and pray, to help and care, He promised he'd always be there.
He died but then came back to life, Let's celebrate for he's alive!
Alleluia, alleluia!! Amen

ST MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH



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](http://stmargaretmarysinfant.com)
(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: smbaptisms@outlook.com

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.

WHEN AND WHERE TO GET TESTED FOR COVID 19

Reminder about when and where to get tested

Regular testing for COVID-19 is essential in order to detect people who have the virus – with or without symptoms. Importantly, they can then self-isolate and stop passing on the virus to other people.

Remember if you have symptoms or if you, anyone in your household or support bubble tests positive for COVID-19, you must self-isolate for 10 days to prevent the further spread of the virus.

Over the last few months, there have been different testing options introduced, so here's our guide to when and where to get tested depending on your circumstances.

If you have COVID symptoms

If you have any of the COVID symptoms (high temperature, new or persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell), stay at home and book a test through www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or ring 119. There are 3 testing sites in Knowsley for people displaying symptoms (in Huyton, Kirkby and Stockbridge Village) and you will be offered the first available appointment at a test centre. Please note, you need an appointment to attend these testing sites.

If you don't have symptoms and can't work from home

There are 7 SMART test sites operating across the Borough offering testing (through Lateral Flow Tests). You don't need to make an appointment, but please only visit these sites if you do not display any symptoms. For the locations and opening times, [click here](#).

Remember a positive test means you have COVID-19 and you (and others in your household, support bubble and close contacts) need to self-isolate for 10 days.

If you live or work with children

If your household includes school children or people who work with school children, you can collect rapid (lateral) tests from Huyton, Kirkby and Stockbridge Village to carry out regular testing at home. These sites are open from 1pm until 8pm 7 days per week – no appointment is needed but please only attend during the specified times.

You can find your nearest site here: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Positive result from a test carried out at home

If you receive a positive test result from a test you have carried out at home, you are required to book a confirmatory test through www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or ring 119.

This is not required if you receive a positive test from either the SMART testing site, a test conducted on school premises or a test carried out at the symptomatic testing sites.

Importance of testing

COVID-19 is easily transmitted from person to person and many people can have COVID-19 without having any symptoms. That's why regular testing is essential – it will identify people who have the virus so that they can self-isolate and stop passing it on to others.

LOCKDOWN EASING AS ANNOUNCED BY THE PRIME MINISTER ON MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

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

We have just commenced Step 2 of lockdown easing.

Please follow the rules to keep everyone safe.