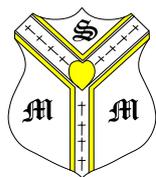


# Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 10th September 2021

## ARRIVING AND DEPARTING FROM SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Thank you to the majority of parents who have been following the one way system. We ask that all parents and children from reception, year 1 and year 2 arriving at school in the morning do so by the gate towards the back of the school grounds accessed from the church car park and leave from the gate on the front of the school grounds directly onto Pilch Lane. This has made the start of each day feel very calm and relaxed.

We have kept this system in place for various reasons;

1. It allows plenty of space for parents, children, pushchairs, wheelchairs and immobility scooters to enter the school grounds.
2. There is no longer the 'crush' at the top gate with many people leaving and arriving at the same time. (We have received many complaints in the past about how dangerous it feels).
3. Many parents have commented about how they prefer this system.
4. It allows for a small amount of social distances to still take place.

With all parents and children moving in the same direction, it is easier to identify if a child is on their own, have lost their parent or is attempting to leave the school site. (This is an extremely rare occurrence but one we are vigilant about). Members of staff can ensure their safety.

The gates onto the church carpark will remain closed. This allows parents and children to queue safely away from the road. This decision was taken last term as there were several incidents where children were very nearly knocked down. This has not happened since the gates have been closed to vehicles.

Please keep your children with you, do not allow them to play on school equipment and if they have brought scooters or bikes to school we ask that they walk with them across the school yards. Scooters and bikes can be left in the 'Scooter park', next to the year one door.

**Please park safely and legally. Please do not block the drives of our neighbours. Unfortunately we have had a complaint from a neighbour in Shortwood Road who has been unable to reach their own house.**



## SHARING OUR FAITH Our Lady's Birthday

The 8th September is traditionally celebrated as the birthday of our lady, Mary, the mother of Jesus. You might like to celebrate this at home by singing Happy birthday to Mary, saying the Hail Mary and the Rosary or singing hymns dedicated to her.



## 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.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturday at 5pm

Please follow this link for the parish newsletter  
[St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School - Parish Newsletters](http://stmargaretmarysinfant.com)  
([stmargaretmarysinfant.com](http://stmargaretmarysinfant.com))

**Baptisms** Please contact Fiona and Laura, our co-ordinators, by email: [smmbaptisms@outlook.com](mailto:smmbaptisms@outlook.com)  
Baptism celebrations are now permitted. Each family are given 15 minutes for the baptism of their child with up to 15 guests and the Service takes place at the Font. Thanks to Fiona and Laura who co-ordinate the baptisms and help on the day of baptism.

## CONSENT TO FLU VACCINATIONS

### A MESSAGE FROM THE NHS SCHOOL IMMUNISATIONS SERVICE

Could you please complete your child's electronic flu consent form via this link ASAP

<https://forms.merseycare.nhs.uk/flu-vaccination>

If you have any difficulties accessing the link please contact the corresponding immunisation team who will be happy to help.

Remember flu is a really unpleasant illness and having your child vaccinated with a quick, painless nasal spray is the best way to protect them, your family and friends.

We understand that some people may not want to take up this offer and we ask that you still complete the form and choose that you don't want your child to receive it to avoid our service contacting you.

Many Thanks,  
School based immunisation services

## SURVEY MONKEY

### PARENTS EVENING



Thank you to all the parents who have already replied to this survey.

The survey will remain open until Wednesday 15th September.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CHD5J8F>