

Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Thursday 27th September 2018

THANK YOU to all the parents, governors, teachers and friends who attended our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Monday 24th September.

A special thanks must go to our local Coop on Pilch Lane who donated tea, coffee and some delicious cakes including 100 mince pies.

Thank you also to Mrs Harris and the School Council who prepared and organised the event.



We raised a tremendous £398.72

Well done everyone!



THANK YOU to the Dads, Uncles and Grandads who attended DUGs on Tuesday with their Reception children.

The children had a great time having a lot of fun and learning alongside their dads, uncles and grandads.

Thank you to Mrs Maddocks and Mr McManus who helped to organise and lead this event.



SHARING OUR FAITH

This week in assembly and collective worship, the children have been thinking about how special and unique they are. They have been challenged to think about the different ways they can show that they are followers of Jesus.

We listened to the story of Jesus and the children and how Jesus called the children to him and he blessed them.

FOSMMI

Friends of St Margaret Mary's Infants

Our dear friend and retired deputy head, Mrs Boardman is returning to school!

Mrs Boardman will be hosting the first meeting of FOSMMI on **Thursday 4th October at 6pm.**

All adult friends of the school are welcome.

If you are a parent, grandparent, aunty, uncle, parishioner, ex-pupil or friend who would like to help us to raise some money for our school and our children then do please come along on Thursday.

If you are unable to attend, but are still interested in being involved, please return the slip on the letter which went home on Tuesday.

School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance

Class 1	97.9%	Class 7	100%
Class 2	97.5%	Class 8	96.3%
Class 3	99.2%	Class 9	92.5%
Class 4	97.9%	Class 10	96.7%
Class 5	98.3%	Class 11	95.8
Class 6	96.3%	Class 12	92.1%

Our target for attendance is 96%.
 Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 10
 Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 7
 Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 3

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 2nd October	Reception parents meeting– Reading and Phonics (9am or 6pm)
Wednesday 3rd October	Pre-school Stay and Read (9am)
Friday 5th October	Class 2 Assembly (parents welcome)
Tuesday 9th October	Year 1 and Year 2 DUGS (Dads, Uncles and Grandads) Workshop
Wednesday 10th October	Class 1 Stay and Read (9am)
Thursday 11th and 18th October	OPEN EVENING
Friday 12th October	St Margaret Mary Feast day celebration at 2.15pm
Wednesday 17th October	Class 2 Stay and Read (9am)
Friday 19th October	FINISH FOR HALF TERM

TOP TIPS FOR SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S READING

- ♥ It is essential to read to your children everyday. A story at bedtime each night builds vocabulary, understanding and a love of books, as well as being a lovely way to unwind at the end of a busy day and spend time together.
- ♥ Ideally, hear your child read everyday. This may be very short and brief and does not need to be the whole of their reading book.
- ♥ Remember to praise and keep it a very positive experience.
- ♥ Try to find books that the children are interested in.
- ♥ Books do not need to be expensive. Second hand books shops, online retailers and even supermarkets such as the Book People often have good quality books at very reasonable prices.

If your child is finding reading difficult or you would like some advice. Please speak to your child's teacher.

TUESDAY 2ND OCTOBER READING AND PHONICS MEETING RECEPTION PARENTS 9AM OR 6PM

All reception parents are invited to attend one of the meetings on Tuesday 2nd October at either 9am or 6pm.

During the meeting, reception teachers will talk about how reading and phonics are taught in class.

Parents will learn about how best to support their children in the early stages of reading.

