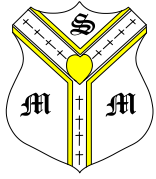


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 30th November 2018

Dear Parents,

We pride ourselves in St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School on being a 'family' who care for and support all of our members and it saddens me to need to write this message on our newsletter. Unfortunately, there have been a number of incidents where parents have spoken to members of our school staff in ways that have caused upset. This is particularly upsetting when this has happened in front of children and other parents.

We all want the very best for the children in our care and if there is a misunderstanding or difference of opinion, or if someone has made a genuine mistake, then please work with us to resolve any concern you may have. If there is a concern about another child in school, please bring it to us. Do not approach their parents, as even when done with the best of intentions, this often leads to upset.

Thank you to the majority of parents and guardians within our school community for their continued support, who behave appropriately at all times and are probably shocked and surprised by need of this message.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Byrne



Sharing our Faith First Sunday of Advent

Sunday marks the beginning of the Church's year and the beginning of Advent. Advent is a time of expectation, waiting and preparing for the birth of Jesus. Traditionally, the first week of Advent is about looking forward with HOPE. In Sunday's gospel, we will hear the call to be ready and prepared for the coming of Jesus.

A prayer to share

God of Love,
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.
He is a sign of your love.
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent,
As we wait and prepare for his coming.
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.
Amen.

Message from Father Ian

St Margaret Mary's Church Carol Service with the Blessing of the Baby Jesus figures & the Christmas Tree on

Sunday 16th December at 3pm Bring the Baby Jesus from your Crib at home to be blessed in church.

We are joined by the choirs of our two schools and our church music group.

Christmas Day Masses

Family Mass at 5:30pm (24th Dec), **Midnight Mass & Family Mass** at 10am

Please make every effort to come to Church on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Jesus our Saviour.



School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance

Class 1	97.6%	Class 7	95.4%
Class 2	97.6%	Class 8	94.9%
Class 3	98.2%	Class 9	96.1%
Class 4	96.6%	Class 10	94.4%
Class 5	95.7%	Class 11	96.8%
Class 6	95.6%	Class 12	96.4%

Our target for attendance is 96%.
 Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 11
 Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Classes 5
 Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 3

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 4th December	Reception Christmas Crafts
Wednesday 5th December	NURSERY 2 NATVITY
Thursday 6th December	CHRISTMAS BINGO Doors open at 6.30p.m. Eyes Down at 7.00p.m.
Friday 7th December	YEAR 1 ADVENT SERVICE AT 2.15PM. ALL WELCOME
Tuesday 11th December	Year 2 Christmas Crafts (Places are limited, booking is essential)
Wednesday 12th December	NURSERY 1 NATIVITY Morning nursery 10.00a.m. Afternoon nursery 2.15p.m.
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Grotto with Father Christmas
Friday 14th December	RECEPTION ADVENT SERVICE AT 2.15PM ALL WELCOME
Tuesday 18th December	YEAR 2 ADVENT SERVICE AT 2.15PM ALL WELCOME
Wednesday 19th December	Christmas Grotto with Father Christmas
Friday 21st December	FINISH FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2pm

CHRISTMAS BINGO

Next Thursday evening, will be our annual Christmas Bingo! We are currently collecting donations for Bingo Prizes and for Raffle Prizes so if you have unwanted gifts, chocolates or bottles of alcohol, we would be grateful if they could be passed into the office.

THANK YOU



KNOWLEDGE ORGANISERS

RECEPTION parents may have noticed that their children have come home from school with a 'Knowledge Organiser.' Please keep this somewhere safe where it can be referred to. It shows you and your child the important knowledge your child will be learning this term and the vocabulary we will be teaching in school.

When you have a spare few minutes, talk to your child and choose a key word or piece of knowledge to discuss further.

