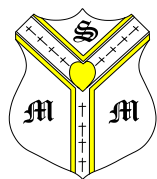


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 11th January

PLEASE NOTE: CLOSING DATE FOR ADMISSIONS INTO RECEPTION AND JUNIOR SCHOOL 2019 IS TUESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2019

Class 1	100%	Class 7	94.7%
Class 2	98%	Class 8	92.7%
Class 3	93.3%	Class 9	95.3%
Class 4	99.3%	Class 10	95.3
Class 5	95.7%	Class 11	99.3%
Class 6	90.3%	Class 12	93.7%

School Attendance Matters

This week's Attendance

Our target for attendance is 96%.

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 11

Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 5

Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 1

Current school attendance is 96.3%

Well done everyone. This is fantastic.

Good attendance in school is the most important way that parents can support their children's progress and enjoyment of school life. Good attendance is classed as attendance of above 96%. The teaching and learning of the children move forward each day and any gap in learning needs to be filled. The more gaps in learning, the harder it is to fill and this may effect your child's overall progress through the year.

Good attendance also plays a vital role in your children establishment of friendships and development of social skills. Children whose attendance is poor often find it difficult to establish and maintain friendships.

Holidays in term time will not be authorised except in exceptional circumstances. Holidays in term time will often incur a fine. Please tell us if you are going on holiday so that there is not the embarrassment of us ringing you and receiving an international dialling tone or perhaps the worry when we cannot contact you at all. Small children are excited to tell their friends and their teachers about their adventures, especially something as exciting as a holiday and will tell us all about it. (By the way, a lovely tan is a bit of a give away).

We understand, of course, that children will get poorly and need to miss school occasionally. For most children this will only add up to a couple of days a term.

If your child's attendance is causing us concern, you may be invited to attend a panel meeting. The aim of this is to support you and your child and discuss any issues which may be stopping your child attending school. The panel will include our learning mentor, who may be able to support any social or emotional needs your child may be experiencing. It may include a school nurse, who may be able to support any medical needs and provide advice to support better attendance. It will also include the head teacher or deputy head teacher who can help and support other needs. If you are invited to attend an attendance panel, please do your best to attend, so that we can work together to support you and your children.

SPRING TERM DATES

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 9th January	Stay and Read for Class 6
Friday 11th January	Class 5 Assembly at 9.15
Tuesday 15th January	Family Numeracy for Reception Parents begins
Tuesday 15th January	Friends of St MM Infants meeting at 6pm.
Wednesday 16th January	Stay and Read for Class 7
Friday 18th January	Class 6 Assembly at 9.15
Wednesday 23rd January	Stay and Read for Class 8
Thursday 24th January	RECEPTION TRIP TO IMAGINE THAT
Friday 25th January	Class 2 Assembly
Wednesday 30th January	Stay and Read for Class 9
Friday 1st February	Number Day in Aid of NSPCC
Friday 1st February	Class 3 Assembly
Wednesday 6th February	Stay and Read for Pre-school Children
Thursday 7th February	Parents Evening for Year 1 and Year 2 (Attend one evening)
Wednesday 13th February	Stay and Read for Class 10
Thursday 14th February	Parents Evening for All (Attend one evening)
Friday 15th February	Early Years Review Day– Reception and Nursery (Attend either Parents Evening or Review day)
Friday 15th February	HALF TERM BEGINS
Monday 25th February	CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
Wednesday 27th February	Stay and Read for Class 11
Friday 1st March	Class 4 Assembly
Wednesday 6th March	Stay and Read for Pre-school Children
Wednesday 13th March	Stay and Read for Class 12
Friday 15th March	Class 8 Assembly
Wednesday 20th March	Stay and Read for Nursery 1
Friday 22nd March	Class 1 Assembly
Wednesday 27th March	Stay and Read for Nursery 2
Friday 29th March	Class 7 Assembly
Week beginning 1st April	HOLY WEEK SERVICES
Friday 5th April	FINISH FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 23rd April	CHILDREN RETURN