# Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter

Friday 20th July 2018

### School closes for the summer holidays on Thursday 26th July at 2pm.

## From Father Ian, our Parish Priest

As we come to the end of a very busy school year, it is important to offer thanks to all who do so much for our children and young people. I am very conscious, as parish priest, of the dedication, care and professionalism I see on a daily basis in our schools.

I offer my thanks to Mrs Byrne, the Governors and our Staff for all that they do to help our children achieve their potential in a very caring Christian community. I hope you all have a well-deserved break!

A word of special thanks after thirty years of dedicated service to our school goes to Mrs Boardman who retires in a few days.

Wishing all our children and their parents a wonderful summer holiday.

With all good wishes, Fr Ian McParland

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On Tuesday, we were assessed and awarded the 'Achievement for All' quality mark. AFA is focused on supporting children and their families to remove barriers to learning. Thank you to Mrs Hedley, Mrs Boardman and our AFA coach Mr Bell, who have supported our school so well in achieving this special status. A special thanks to the parents and governors who came and spoke so powerfully about the impact of AFA on our school and on their families. This summer, we wish a very fond farewell several well loved members of staff. **Mrs Roberts** will be leaving us to enjoy spending time with her family. She has been a wonderful and inspiring class teacher.

We say good luck to **Miss Robinson**, **Miss Quinn** and **Mr Watts** who have supported our children so well over the past three years and made a huge difference to lives of the children and their families.

We bid a very happy retirement to **Mrs Boardman** and **Mrs Lysons** after many, many years of service to our school family. Thank you for everything you have done to change the lives of hundreds and possibly thousands of children and their families for the better.

#### **Dates for your Diary**

Wednesday 25th July Year 2 Leaver's Service Church at 2.00p.m. Thursday 26th July at 2.00p.m. School finishes

Full dates are available on the school website. www.stmargaretmaryinfants.com

Magpies (Breakfast and Afterschool club) Magpies will be available to book throughout the school holidays if your child is already registered. Can we please advise parents that we have increased our afterschool club slightly to

£7.50. This is our first increase in price since Magpies was established some years ago. Breakfast club prices remain the same. Thank you

#### School Attendance Matters This week's Attendance

Class 1	99.3%	Class 7	97%
Class 2	95.3%	Class 8	94.3%
Class 3	98.7%	Class 9	93.3%
Class 4	<b>97</b> %	Class 10	<b>98</b> %
Class 5	<b>96</b> %	Class 11	94.7%
Class 6	95.7%	Class 12	86%

#### 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 1

Thank you to all the **mums, dads and grandparents** who have supported their children so well in making so much progress this year.

Thank you to our **teachers, teaching assistants and nursery nurses** who work so hard in planning and preparing exciting and interesting lessons to ensure our children love their learning so much.

Thank you to **Mrs Harris and Mrs Lysons** who care so well for our families and our children who need extra help and support.

Thank you to the **senior leaders** in school who support us so well in ensuring our school is the best we can be and never cease in continuing to find ways we can be even better, especially our deputy head, **Mrs Boardman**.

Thank you to **Mrs Ferguson and the governors**, who support our school so well in constantly striving to do the best job that we can.

Thank you **Mrs Lackey, Mrs Jamieson and Mrs Cable** who make sure that questions are answered quickly, orders are made and paid so we have the things we need and parents and visitors always feel welcome.

Thank you to **Mrs Jones, all the kitchen staff and lunch time supervisors** who ensure all the children enjoy a healthy lunch and a happy playtime.

Thank you to **Mr Davies and the cleaners,** who make sure our school always looks its best and is ready for the children each day.

Thank you to **Father Ian and our parish family**, who always make us feel welcome on our many visits to church.

And last but not least, **our wonderful children**. Thank you to our children because you are the reason we come to work everyday. You make us smile everyday. You work so hard. You are always so polite and care for each other. We are so proud of all of you. We hope you have a very happy summer holiday. Remember to listen to your parents and stay safe.