

Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2016



Happy Feast Day

Today, we celebrated in church the feast of St Margaret Mary. We remembered how she wanted everyone to know that Jesus is full of love.

We also welcomed to our school family, in a very special way, all our new reception children. They have made a wonderful start to their time in our school and we all hope that they will be very happy with us. Thank you to the children and teachers of Year 2 for preparing such a wonderful celebration.

Walk to School Week

Next week is 'Walk to School Week.'

We encourage all the children to make a special effort to walk to school. Walking to school helps the children to be ready for learning by waking up their bodies and waking up their brains before the school day. Walking is great exercise for all of us. It helps with the traffic congestion outside the school as well.



Parents Open Evening

Open evening will take place on **Thursday 20th October** with appointments from four o'clock. **There is still time to make an appointment if you have not already done so.**

We ask that children do not attend.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 20th October
Parents' Evening

Wednesday 2nd November
Pre-School Stay and Read

Wednesday 2nd November
Photo day– individual photos

Week beginning 14th November
Anti-bullying week

Thursday 1st December
Anti-bullying session for parents and their children

For further dates and information, please see our website.

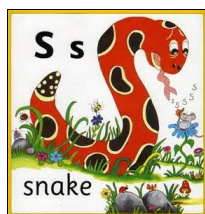
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School Attendance Matters
This week's attendance
Our target for attendance is 95%.

Class 1	96	Class 7	93.3
Class 2	96.3	Class 8	96
Class 3	94.8	Class 9	95.2
Class 4	94	Class 10	92.7
Class 5	92	Class 11	98
Class 6	98.3	Class 12	97

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 11
Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 6
Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 2



Reading and Phonics

Thank you to all the parents who attended that reading and phonics meetings for reception parents on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning. The parents who attended gained new insights and ideas as to the best way to support their children in learning their sounds and in turn learning to read and write successfully.

Thank you to Miss Wright, Mrs Palmer and the reception team for preparing such an informative, interesting and fun meetings.

The reception children will soon start to receive reading books to practice at home. Please support your child by reading a little every night.



Punctuality is Important

If your child is late for school, they often feel unsettled for the rest of the day. They may have missed important teaching from their class teacher.

Every minute lost in learning can not be retrieved!

Monday	16
Tuesday	9
Wednesday	11
Thursday	13
Friday	10
Total children late	59

Of these children a significant number were persistently Late!

We began the year with only a very few children being late everyday. As the year has progressed the numbers are steadily rising. Please do your very best to ensure that your children are in school on time and not a minute of their education is wasted.