



Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter

Friday 31st March 2017

Support for Reading

We have recently reviewed the progress of all the children in relationship to reading.

Thank you to all the parents who support their children in their reading homework.

It really makes a big difference.

Top Tips for Parents

1. **Choose a quiet time** Set aside a quiet time with no distractions. Ten to fifteen minutes is usually long enough.
2. **Make reading enjoyable** Make reading an enjoyable experience. Sit with your child. Try not to pressurise if he or she is reluctant. If your child loses interest then do something else.
3. **Maintain the flow** If your child mispronounces a word do not interrupt immediately. Instead allow opportunity for self-correction.
4. **Be positive** Boost your child's confidence with constant praise for even the smallest achievement.
5. **Visit the Library** Encourage your child to use the public library regularly.
6. **Regular practice** Try to read with your child on most school days. 'Little and often' is best.
9. **Talk about the book** Always talk to your child about the book; about the pictures, the characters, how they think the story will end, their favourite part. You will then be able to see how well they have understood and you will help them to develop good comprehension skills.
10. **Variety is important** Remember children need to experience a variety of reading materials eg. picture books, hard backs, comics, magazines, poems, and information books.



Education City

This week reception and Year 1 children have received reminders of their log in details for Education City.

This enables children to access the website at home.

There are lots of activities to support English and Maths. The phonics games with support Year 1 children in preparation for the Phonics Screening in the summer term.



Dates for your Diary

Crosby Hall trip
3rd April

Holy Week Services
10th April

Finish for Easter
13th April

Return from Easter
2nd May

Stay and Read Nursery
10th May

Please see our website for further dates.
www.stmargaretmarysinfants.com



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

Class 1	95	Class 7	94.7
Class 2	96	Class 8	95
Class 3	95.7	Class 9	94.8
Class 4	97.3	Class 10	98.3
Class 5	96.7	Class 11	90.7
Class 6	95.7	Class 12	89.7

Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 10
Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Class 5
Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 4

FAKE PENALTY NOTICE

We have been made aware that a parent who parked on the church car park in the morning, while dropping her daughters off at school, returned to her car to find a fake penalty notice under the windscreen wiper. It was inside a clear envelope but there was no notification or contact details.

Please be vigilant. Fake penalty notices should be reported to the police. It is believed that they are used to commit theft, as you would get out of your vehicle to remove the notice.

Mission Statement Awards



Well done to Ava Gibney CL2

Well done to Orla Devlin CL8

This special award is given to children who have demonstrated a clear understanding of our Mission Statement in the way they treated others.



Sharing our Faith

On Sunday, we will hear the story of Jesus raising his friend Lazarus from the dead. In the story, we see the true humanity of Jesus. He is upset to hear his friend has died. We are reminded that Jesus understands what it is to mourn and grieve for people who have died. We are reminded in the story about the promise of new life as we come closer to Easter. We remember all who have died. We grieve and mourn but remember the joy and laughter too. As Christians, we are comforted in our grief by a God who understands.