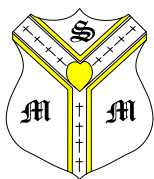


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 13th June 2020

Dear Parents, children and friends,

I hope you are all safe, happy and well. We are sharing lots of information at the moment via the school website and particularly the school app. Please make sure that you have the app downloaded onto your phone so that you do not miss important messages and updates. As it stands, we do not have any plans to open more widely for whole year groups. It was announced on Tuesday, that plans to return all children before the summer holidays have been abandoned. I know for many of you this will be disappointing. We will continue to provide home learning and please keep in touch through email and phone calls.

Please speak to the school office if you haven't downloaded our school App and they will arrange to send an invitation out to you.

Some parents have been asking about whether schools will be open during the summer holidays. We have no plans to be open in any way during the summer holiday period.

Lots of love, Mrs Byrne

STATEMENT FROM KNOWSLEY COUNCIL

WE WILL SUPPORT SCHOOLS WHO 'PAUSE' PLANS FOR REOPENING

In light of new data recently published, Knowsley Council has confirmed that it will be supportive of schools who may wish to 'pause' their plans for re-opening to larger numbers of pupils in the coming weeks.

The Council has always been clear that schools should only reopen to larger numbers of pupils only when it is SAFE to do so. This can only be achieved when adequate arrangements have been put in place in each setting and when comprehensive risk assessments have been completed, signed off and shared with key parties including staff and trade unions.

The Council's advice has been clear that these preparations should not be rushed to tie in with any arbitrary dates or deadlines set nationally.

In Knowsley, schools continue to be advised to take the time they need to make these preparations properly as the safety of staff and pupils must be the priority in ALL cases.

Cllr Margaret Harvey, Knowsley Council Cabinet Member for Children's Services commented:-

"Our Public Health team continues to closely monitor the data about the current prevalence of the virus within our community. Whilst I am reassured that new confirmed cases in Knowsley*, are very low, and have been low for a number of weeks now, I also understand the concerns of schools and parents about the current estimated R rate in the north west.

From the outset here in Knowsley, we have aimed to make sensible and well-considered decisions to provide our communities with the information they need to make informed choices. Whilst the decision to welcome more pupils into educational settings lies with each individual school, we are here to support them and have been in close contact with our schools throughout the pandemic."

Each school setting is different so it is likely that individual schools will have to take different steps to ensure safety within their own environment. The Council will continue to provide what advice and support it can to schools as they make these adjustments and decisions in the coming months.

**as measured by the numbers of hospitalised patients*



St Margaret Mary's Parish Online

If you are on **Facebook**, the parish now has a page which is updated regularly and where Mass is broadcast each Sunday.

Search 'St Margaret Mary Liverpool'.

BUBBLES



This week, the provision has changed to 'Bubbles'. Children attend school in small groups of between 6 and 8 children with a teacher and a teaching assistant who look after them all day. The children play, eat and learn within their 'Bubble'. In Year 1 and Year 2, each child has their own desk and equipment. In reception and nursery, the children move around between provision areas. Each 'Bubble' has their own outside space to play in. The children wash their hands regularly and we have lots of hand gel on hand.

The children have adapted quickly and are enjoying their time in school.



Children's Liturgy with CAFOD

Many of you will be missing attending Mass each Sunday and the children will be missing attending children's liturgy.

CAFOD are sharing a weekly 'virtual' children's liturgy to support the children during this time. Just follow the link below to register. A New Webinar takes place each Sunday and our children can join other children from around the country.

<https://cafod.org.uk/Education/Children-s-liturgy>



SCHOOL WEBSITE and HOME LEARNING <https://stmargaretmary.schooljotter2.com/>

All families should have received an email from your child's class teacher.

This is so you can communicate directly with them. If you have not received an email, please contact the school office, it may be that we do not hold an email address for you or the one we do hold is incorrect.

One of our lovely parents shared this poem with us this week
and it made us smile. I hope you enjoy it too.

Golden Sun

by Lenore Hetrick

Great, glorious, golden sun,
Shine down on me today!
You are the life of all this earth,
You and your magic ray.

You are the life of bird and plant,
All must depend on you.
Shine down, great sun, the whole day long!
Shine from the heaven's blue.

And I will welcome your golden rays,
For you mean life to me,
And you mean happiness and health,
Strength and energy.

Shine down, great sun, on flower and field,
And never say goodbye.
Forever and ever give us your light
From out the wide, blue sky.

