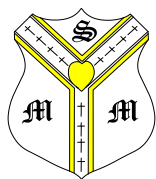


Saint Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School Newsletter



Friday 22nd October 2021

Class 1	88.6%	Class 7	93.8%
Class 2	96.3%	Class 8	84.1%
Class 3	98.3%	Class 9	94.2%
Class 4	93%	Class 10	92.3%
Class 5	93.8%	Class 11	90.1%
Class 6	93.8%	Class 12	95%

School Attendance Matters
This week's Attendance
Our target for attendance is 96%.



Attendance Award in Reception goes to Class 12

Attendance Award in Year 1 goes to Classes 5, 6 and 7

Attendance Award in Year 2 goes to Class 3

INAPPROPRIATE PROGRAMMES, FILMS AND GAMES

Concerns have been expressed by several teachers that children are talking about watching highly inappropriate television programmes and films, including 'Squid Games' which is very violent and has a 15 certificate.

Please be mindful when watching programmes and films in the same room as your children. You may think that they are playing and not watching and listening but it is very likely that they will be taking in a lot of the content.

Very young minds are still growing and developing and what they are exposed to can be highly influential. Watching programmes and films with age restrictions can result in nightmares, scared children and inappropriate play.

BRITISH BOARD OF FILM CLASSIFICATION (BBFC) RATINGS SYSTEM

	Universal. Suitable for everyone, and contains no content unsuitable for children.
	Parental Guidance. Contains content unsuitable for younger children.
	Cinema rating only. Those aged 12 and under should be accompanied by an adult.
	Unsuitable for under-12s. No sales to anyone under the age of 12.
	Unsuitable for under-15s. No sales/entry to anyone under the age of 15.
	Unsuitable for under-18s. No sales/entry to anyone under the age of 18.

Thank you to all the parents who attended parents evening yesterday, either in person or virtually.

If you have not yet made an appointment, please do so as soon as possible. The next parents evening is on Thursday 4th November.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 4th November– PARENTS EVENING

Monday 1st November– Return from Half term

Week beginning 15th November–Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 26th November– INSET– No children in school today

Sunday 19th December– Parish Carol Concert

Tuesday 21st December– Break up for Christmas

OUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS FOR THE SWANSIDE WARD

Following the government's decision to end the furlough scheme, our local councillors are eager to reach out and support families, parents, grandparents and carers who may be struggling.

Cllr Colin Dever

Colin.dever@knowsley.gov.uk

Tel: 07557 849398

Cllr Christine Bannon

Christine.bannon@knowsley.gov.uk

Tel: 07557 849391

Cllr Graham Morgan

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YEAR 2



Our Year 2 children and staff went to Chester Zoo yesterday.

The children were wonderfully behaved as always.

The children were graced with beautiful weather and had a fabulous day.

Thank you to all the parents and helpers who joined us and enabled the trip to go ahead.

This is our first trip in 2 years, hopefully, we will be able to plan more trips for other year groups as the year unfolds.

ST MARGARET MARY'S CHURCH

Masses will take place on Thursdays at 10.00a.m. Saturdays at 5.30p.m. and Sundays at 10.00a.m. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturday at 5pm

Please follow this link for the parish newsletter [St Margaret Mary's Catholic Infant School - Parish Newsletters \(stmargaretmarysinfant.com\)](http://stmargaretmarysinfant.com)

Baptisms Please contact Fiona and Laura, our co-ordinators, by email: smmbaptisms@outlook.com

FOOD BANK COLLECTION WEEK



Thank you for all your donations to the food bank.

As always, you have been so very generous.

The food bank will be delighted to receive your donations to help families and children in need.

Reception Phonics Workshop



We would like to invite parents and carers of children who are new to Reception Class this year, to join in with our **FREE** Phonics session over Zoom. You will receive ideas and activities that will help you to support your child with their reading and writing in their first year of school. We will look at phonics in the Foundation Stage and how it is used to help your child learn to read and write.

There will be opportunities for you to ask any questions you have.

Anyone who attends will receive a **FREE** bag of resources to use at home with your child.

There are 4 sessions for you to pick from. You only need to attend 1 of them.

Monday 1st November 2021, 1-2pm with Sharon
Tuesday 2nd November 2021, 10-11am with Ann
Wednesday 3rd November 2021, 1-2pm with Ann
Thursday 4th November 2021, 1-11am with Sharon

For more information and the Zoom code please contact:

Ann Curley 07825 117 482

ann.curley@knowsley.gov.uk

or

[Sharon Fitzgerald 07825117499](mailto:Sharon.Fitzgerald@knowsley.gov.uk)

Sharon.fitzgerald@knowsley.gov.uk

FREE – 3 week course Story Sacks



We would like to invite parents and carers of children age from Nursery to Year2 to join in with our **FREE 3 WEEK** Storysacks course.

The sessions will be fun and informal and will:

- Give parents ideas for how they can ensure learning activities are successful;
- Give parents ideas about how to engage children with reading and bring books to life;
- Give parents an opportunity to make and play fun activities with their child;
- Show parents how to make puppets and props to support story telling.

All resources will be provided **FREE OF CHARGE**
Sessions will be for one hour per week via Zoom, starting week of 8th November

To book a place, choose the session which suits you best and contact the relevant person, giving your name and contact number:

Sharon Fitzgerald - 07825 117 499 Sharon.fitzgerald@knowsley.gov.uk for
Tuesday sessions 10-11am starting 9th November

Vicky Powell - 07825 117 487 victoria.powell@knowsley.gov.uk for
Wednesday sessions 1-2pm starting 10th November

Ann Curley - 07825 117 482 ann.curley@knowsley.gov.uk for
Thursday sessions 10-11am starting 11th November