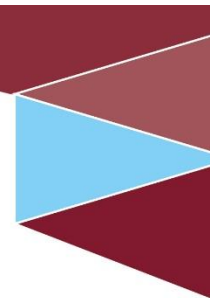




ST MARIE'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL

A VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

*'Following the teachings of Christ, so that we
are His hands and feet!'*



Peter came up and said to Jesus, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him?"

Matthew 18:21

Sacramental Programme

The Welcome meeting for any parents/carers of children on this years Sacramental Programme will take place on Tuesday 22nd September at 3.15pm in the main hall. Information has been sent out today regarding the programme and parents have been asked to return the form back to school if they wish their child to be part of the programme.

Year 4 Trip to Jorvik Viking Centre

On Wednesday 16th September the Year 4 children will be visiting Jorvik Viking Centre in York as part of their History topic. All information has been sent out and I know the children will have a wonderful time.

School Uniform

It has been great to see all of the children looking smart in full school uniform. Thank you for this. Please do ensure that all uniform is labelled (especially jumpers which have a habit of getting lost!) and that children bring a coat to school, even if the weather is sunny - just in case. A polite reminder that school shoes must be worn for school and not black trainers (except in Nursery/Reception where black trainers are permitted).

Please make sure that your child has their full PE kit in school. PE consists of a white T-shirt and black shorts. Pumps must be worn inside and trainers are allowed for outside only. Plain black jogging bottoms or plain black leggings can be worn for outside lessons.

Reading in School

Home Readers (Year 1 – Year 6)

All of the children will have their new reading books sent home next week if not already. The children will read their home reading book at least once a week in school and if it is finished and the children are ready to move on, their reading book will be changed - once a week. It is important that the children can read the book with confidence and discuss the events well. If your child has completed their book once, read it again and again if necessary. It is more effective to read a few pages and have a good discussion about the book each night rather than reading straight through every night. Please do write in the reading record when you have read with your child each evening.

We actively encourage all of our children to read a range of books so of course, if your child has read their reading book a number of times, then encourage them to read other books. These can be recorded in the reading record too should you wish.

Guided Reading

As well as reading 'home readers' in school all of the children will be taking part in daily phonics and/or guided reading sessions whereby the teacher explicitly teaches the skills of reading to the children.

Very soon, the children will be bringing home a school library book to enjoy as well.

Free School Meals

The guidelines for Free School Meals entitlements has changed over the Summer months. We are now using a new site www.lgfl.co.uk to ascertain whether a child is eligible for free school meals. We ask all parents to enter their details onto the system – it literally takes a minute – and a decision is instant. This will also need to be done for ALL children who currently have FSM status and Mrs Barber has sent out letters to those concerned. This new systems links to school so if a parent enters the details themselves we will be notified of this. Should anyone be struggling with this please do call in and speak with Mrs Barber. We ask that these checks are done immediately in order for any child not to lose their entitlement.

Support and Help

It is really important to us at school to know that if any parents/families are struggling for whatever reason then we are here to help as much as we can - please do speak to the class teachers or directly to myself if you need any support in any way. Sometimes we can direct you to other professionals for support or we may be able to help ourselves. We are here to help.

After school Enrichment clubs (Year 1-Year 6)

Letters have gone out via Arbor for all after school clubs and paper copies are available from the office. There will be a wide range of after school clubs available for children and we will ensure that as many children as possible get to attend a club.

Year Group Curriculum Booklets

Each teacher will soon be sending home a curriculum information booklet /sheet which sets out the topics your child will be covering this term and other additional information relating to your child's class.

MacMillan Coffee Morning: Save the Date

Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning takes place on Thursday 24th September from 8.35am. Please do come along as join us as we support his important charity. We know the important work this charity do to support those living with cancer and their families.

Attendance Matters

As a school, we have always had really good attendance compared to other schools in the local authority. Good attendance is everyone's responsibility and we must maintain this and continue to improve. There is currently a renewed drive from the Department of Education and schools must to seen to promote excellent attendance. Whilst we appreciate there are times that children cannot come into school and individual children that we know about have medical conditions that impact on their health, we still need to do everything as a school to promote and celebrate excellent attendance.

Class attendances for this week.

Year Group	Attendance %
Reception	97.4%
Year One	95.6%
Year Two	98.5%
Year Three	97.9%
Year Four	92.1%
Year Five	97.1%
Year Six	98.2%

Well done to Year 2 for having the best attendance this week!

The class with the best attendance will receive an extra playtime each week.

Celebration Assembly

Our weekly celebration assemblies will take place at **2.30pm** on a Friday afternoon starting next week. All parents are welcome to attend, especially if your child has been awarded a certificate. If your child has been awarded a certificate, you will be sent a message the day before to invite you to the assembly, should you wish/be able to attend. Please note that our all Reception children will not come to assemblies just yet as they settle into their new classroom and routines. Should your child be receiving the certificate you will be notified should you wish to come and join us for the assembly.

This week we congratulate the following children:

Nursery	-	-
Reception	-	-
Year 1	Natalia Pietrus	For having a fantastic start to Year 1 and setting a great example!
Year 2	Rumaysa Zahid	For being a Year 2 superstar. Keep it up!

Year 3	Amber Khan	For being a Year 3 role model, amazing attitude to others and learning! Keep it up!
Year 4	Elizabeth Oliyide	For being a wonderful role model and having an amazing can do attitude! Keep it up!
Year 5	Adnan Muhammad	For an absolutely wonderful start to Year 5. We are so impressed – keep up the hard work!
Year 6	Erfan Rabbani	For impressing all the Year 6 teachers with his excellent attitude to learning
Mr McRae	Nikodem Pietrus	For having excellent manners

Where a child's name has not appeared on the table above, it is because permission has not been given to include names on newsletters etc. Please contact the school office to amend this if needed for the future

A Final Note

It's been another busy week at school. I mentioned to the staff this week how calm and focused the children were within their new classrooms as I visited them on my walk arounds. It is a testament to the staff and the children themselves how well they have all adapted to their new classes.

This week there have been several feast days worthy of a mention. Saturday 5th September was the feast day of St Teresa of Calcutta, the patron of our trust. Born in Albania and dedicating much of her life to service to the mothers and children of India, St Teresa of Calcutta is a great role model. Her motto 'Do small things with great love' is a real message to us all. On Tuesday 8th September we remembered the birthday of Our Lady and this Saturday is a day dedicated to 'The Most Holy Name of Mary'. Our Lady is our school's patron saint (St Marie being Mary in French) and Mary's love and compassion are core values which we try to follow every day in our school community.

Wishing you all a peaceful weekend.

God bless,

Mr McRae
Head Teacher



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