

ST MARIA GORETTI PRIMARY SCHOOL



Shining with God's love, pride and success

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This week we have been reflecting on our school mission of shining in God's love with pride and success. We also looked at what the symbols on our school badge mean. Please ask your children to tell you about the meanings as this week's Gospel talks about how to love. At SMG we have started the Sacramental programme for the children wishing to receive Reconciliation (confession) and the Eucharist (1st Holy Communion) and ask that you attend the sessions with your child so they are ready in May/June. This year, Mrs Charnley has offered to lead these sessions, so please contact her for further details.

Please could you spend a few moments reading the information on the school's prospectus. There should be everything you need to know on there but as always please get in touch if you have any questions. Please can I draw your attention to the uniform section and remind parents that trainers and boots are not acceptable footwear and we do not allow flavoured water or juice. Thank you.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 1st February is the Chinese New Year—This year we will be celebrating the year of the Tiger and our Reception class will be parading around school, waving flags and playing instruments—please look out for the pictures on the website.

Tuesday 8th February is Safer Internet Day. In school we will be looking at exploring respect and relationships online and ask parents to support us with this by monitoring your child's use of the internet. We have lots of advice and information on our website so please have a look and speak to your child about the age limits on some of the apps that we know our children are using.

Tuesday 8th February—Valentines Disco

The disco will take place in our school hall at 4pm-5pm for the children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 and from 5:15pm-6:30pm for the children in Y3, 4, 5 and 6. It is £2 entry which includes a drink and a snack. No parents can stay at this event. Many thanks for your support.

The PTFA are also selling raffle tickets this week. Each class can win a cuddly toy hamper for Valentines day. Please send 50p in with your child if you would like them to have a go! Good Luck!

Next week 7th–11th February is also children's mental health week. We are looking at how we are all unique and how we should celebrate our individuality. So, next **Thursday 10th February** we are asking the children to come to school 'dressed to impress!' This can be something that they feel good or represents their interests. So if they love sport they can wear their team colours or outfit—nothing is right or wrong. Please send in £1 donation to young minds. Thank you!

Young Voices

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets for this event. We are now pleased to inform you that the concert will now be taking place on **25th June**. The children in Y6 alongside the children in the choir will be taking part in the Young Voices choir at the MEN. We aim to leave school at 12pm and will not be returning until approx. 10:15pm. More details will follow for this exciting concert. Thank you!

As you all aware, Covid has affected our school quite significantly over the last few weeks. This has seen many pupils and staff being absent and having to isolate. Thank you to everyone for understanding and following procedures. Can I please remind parents that if your child is going to be absent that you please inform the school office before 9:30am.

School closes for Half Term on **THURSDAY 10th February at 3pm** and re-opens on Monday 21st February. Please have a lovely half term and remember to keep safe!

Breakfast Club—After half term the cost of Breakfast Club will increase to £2 a day. Our Breakfast Club is a fantastic facility which even at £2 a day remains the cheapest around. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Rich