



# ST MARIA GORETTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Shining with God's love, pride and success*

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**Newsletter July 15th 2022**

Dear Parents/Carers,

As another amazing school year comes to an end at SMG, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and healthy summer break. Thank you for all your love and support this year and we look forward to another fun-filled curriculum in September when your children move into their new classes with their new teachers. Our little 'Seedlings' have completed their three settling in sessions and we are excited for them to join the SMG family in September too. Parents of our new Reception children will be allowed to enter through the gates each morning for the first term (until Christmas) and the parents of the children in Y1 are allowed to walk their children to their new classroom door for the first two weeks. Parents of our nursery children are to walk your children to the Nursery door where you will be met by the staff (Mrs Vango, our EYFS and KS1 lead, is still absent but is hoping to be back with us as soon as she can.) No other parents should enter through the gates. If you need to pass on a message to your child's teacher, please visit the school office and they will kindly pass it on for you or simply do so and the teacher will arrange a time for you to meet.

## Breakfast Club

Breakfast club opens at 7:30am. It is £2 per session. **ALL** children need to be signed in by an adult.

No one should enter the school building before this time.

## Uniform

We have noticed a slight decline with some of our children not following our school policy on uniform. We have been very forgiving for allowing some children with trainers for the last few weeks but in September the uniform policy will apply. Please make sure your child has the correct uniform (named) with a school logo as we are very proud of our uniform and what it represents. Please see the 'school prospectus' on the website for all details.

Our school mission is: ***Shining in God's love, pride and success*** and our badge has the flower of St Maria Goretti.

Please note: We will be operating a **No Jewellery** policy from September. If your child is planning on getting their ears pierced, please do this at the beginning of the holidays so they have plenty of time to heal.

Our new school term begins on MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER.

## Hot Weather Warning

As you are aware there is currently a weather warning for extreme heat next week, especially on Monday and Tuesday.

School will not be closing!

**Please send your child to school in PE Kit next week.**

PE will be suspended and time outside will be limited.

The children will need a water bottle and a sunhat.

We will monitor the temperatures in the classrooms to ensure it doesn't get too hot.

Y6 leavers assembly –only parents and siblings will be invited into the hall to reduce the number of bodies in one room.

We will keep you updated if necessary. Thank you!

## School Lunches

Please can we ask that all debts are paid before the end of term (Wednesday) as we are hoping to be a cashless school next year.

The cost of school lunches will be £2.35 from September. The Free School Meal Vouchers will be available to collect from the school office on Monday and they must be signed for. These will be the last vouchers issued from LCC.

Please can we stress that NO PEANUTS are to be brought into school as we have children with nut allergies. Thank you!

The children will be coming home with their end of year reports. Please celebrate these with your children. All we ask is .. can you please make sure that your child reads for at least 10mins a day and looks over their spellings and times tables so they are ready to learn in their new classes. Well done!

#### Attendance

It has been brought to my attention that our school has not met the national expectations on attendance. I am disappointed as we work hard as a school to ensure your children do not miss any learning. If a child is frequently absent then school has no choice than to inform outside agencies for help. Please can you help us by making sure your child is on time for school each day and if they are ill then you follow the correct procedures of informing the school office. School does not authorise any holidays during term time and families will be issued with a fine if more than 10 sessions( there are 2 sessions per day) are unauthorised in any school year.

We wave goodbye to our wonderful Y6 class and wish them every success in their new high schools. This year we have 15 children going to Corpus Christi, our main feeder school. We wish them every happiness in their next chapter of education and look forward to hearing about their achievements. Thank you for being a super class Y6, we will miss you!

Parents of Y6 are invited to their leaving mass on Tuesday at 9am, their assembly at 2pm and on Wednesday 20th July, the whole school will clap and cheer them off on their journey at 1:15pm. Bring your silly string and tissues!

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions or queries.

Have a lovely, safe summer

Mrs Rich

