



# ST MARIA GORETTI CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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Values this month March - Humility and Gentleness

Well, what a fantastic start to the term we have had already. Our dance team wowed us with their skills, our tag rugby team are doing well in the league and our swimming team represented our school so well in this week's gala. Well done to all our sport's stars please keep an eye out on dojo for the latest clubs.

We have now entered into the season of LENT. The children attended mass to receive the ashes and the holy tables in each classroom all now have their purple cloths.

Ash Wednesday is the start of Lent on March 5, 2025 and is a period of prayer, fasting and giving for Christians. Ashes represent death and repentance and Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection which is April 20th, 2025.

**School closes for the Easter holidays on Friday 11th April at 1:15pm**

## NO PHONE ZONE

We are building a community where children feel seen, heard and valued. There are increasing numbers of children with speech and language delay. Research shows that talk and communication is a FREE tool to support your child with their speech and language development. Please **DO NOT** use your phone on our school grounds.

Thank you!

We say goodbye to Mrs Corker and Ms Anderton at Easter and thank them for the 30 years they have dedicated to SMG. We would like to wish them both a long and happy retirement.

Mrs Karen Johnson will be our new school business manager when we return and she is looking forward to meeting you all. We know that she will be made very welcome so please don't forget to introduce yourselves with a smile when at the office so she can learn everyone's names quickly!

## Breakfast Club

When you have signed your child into Breakfast club there is a new bell by the office window. This bell will notify the staff at Breakfast club that someone is waiting to be let in. They will be with you as soon as they can so please don't leave any child unsupervised in the entrance. Thank you!

## Mornings

A few teachers cars have been scratched in our car park recently. Please **DO NOT LET YOUR CHILD** run around the car park on a morning especially around the cars.

Thank you!

## CAFOD

During Lent we will be taking part in the daily mile. The children will be walking a mile each day in the school grounds. If you would like to send a donation to CAFOD that would be greatly appreciated.

The children will be having an own clothes day on Friday 4th April in exchange of a chocolate egg.

## Free School Meal Vouchers

The codes have been ordered and will be ready for collection from Monday 7th April. They are to the value of £30 and must be spent during the holidays on food for your child

**PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU SPEND THE VOUCHER DURING THE EASTER HOLIDAYS OR THEY WILL BECOME INACTIVE.**

The **HAF** codes have also been sent out which can be used for holiday clubs during the Easter holidays too!

## Dates for the Diary

Thursday 13th March - KS2 have a special assembly on 'every action has a consequence'

Tuesday 18th March - Tempest Photography will be in school for class photographs (not siblings)

Monday 24th March - Y5 start their 2 week swimming block (please make sure that they have the correct swimwear and hat)

Tuesday 1st April - **Parents Evening 1** (the booking file will be available in front entrance from Monday 17th March)

Wednesday 2nd April - **Parents Evening 2**

Friday 4th April - Own clothes day in exchange for a chocolate egg

## Baby News

Mr Eastwood will start his 2 weeks paternity leave this Friday as he welcomes his little boy into the world. We wish Mr and Mrs Eastwood every best wish and can't wait to meet baby Eastwood when he arrives. Mr Smith, who the children know and love will be teaching Y4 during Mr Eastwood's absence.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Robb on her lovely news that she and her husband will be welcoming their third child into the world during the summer holidays. I know you will all join us in celebrating the SMG babies.

Congratulations to you both!

