

ST MARIA GORETTI PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Values: Humility and Gentleness

Dear Parents,

Please visit the what's been going on pages on the latest news of our website to see what our wonderful children at SMG have been involved in. The children looked amazing on World Book Day in their costumes –we really do make an enormous effort at our school to show our love of reading. If your child would like to enter our competition of 'being found reading in the most unusual place' please send in a picture of your child reading in the most unusual by Monday 6th March. I must say. we've had some very interesting reading places so far. Well done!

Exciting News...We are officially now A FOREST SCHOOL. Mrs Milne and Mrs Bailey have worked so hard to receive this qualification and their final assessment took place this week. They both passed with flying colours so will be our 'Forest School' leaders. We are so lucky to have such beautiful grounds at SMG where our children can enjoy their learning as much outdoors as they do indoors. Well done and thank you Mrs Milne and Mrs Bailey!

ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, and school trips. We will be using a secure website called ParentPay and you will be able to pay online using your credit / debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school. The children will be bringing home the information letters soon so please look out for them as it is important that you follow the instructions and get yourself signed up. We will be going live after the Easter holidays.

Uniform

Mrs Barton has lots of spare uniform so will be holding a table top sale during the week beginning 3rd April (the last week before we break up for Easter!) All items are £1 so please come and grab yourself a bargain. Thank you so much for the donations.

Please read the school prospectus for our expectations on uniform. NO BOOTS or TRAINERS. Can I also remind families that we do not allow LINES or PATTERNS in the children's hair. Thank you!

Head Lice

We have a number of reported cases of Head lice. Please. please, please check your child's hair and treat if any lice are found to help us stop the spread. Thank you

Dates for your diary

On Thursday 9th March we have a friend of our school visiting us. FREDDY FIT has asked if he can come and spend the day with us as he loves sharing his fun learning and keeping fit tips with the children. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit on this day so they are ready for their healthy session with Freddy.

Class Photos

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 21st March. Please make sure your child is in full uniform for their class picture. Thank you.

Science week

13th March-17th March is National Science Week so as usual each class will be celebrating in their own way by creating and taking part in exciting experiments. If you would like to do any experiments with your child at home please send in the pictures to your class teacher so we can make a display in school. Thank you!

Parents Evening

Parents Evening will take place this term on Tuesday 28th March and Wednesday 29th March. The file will be available for you to book an appointment in the entrance from Monday 13th March. Thank you.

BIG LENT WALK

The children are doing so well with their walking and enjoying raising money to send to CAFOD. Please can you send in your child's sponsor form and money as soon as you have collected it so we can start sending it across to the CAFOD team. Thank you so much for your support.

Reminders

- Please can I remind all parents if you are collecting your child from a club or event after school not to wait inside and block the entrance porch of school. Please wait outside on the carpark so the staff can clearly see if a child has been collected. Thank you.
- Can you please make sure that school has your current contact details. It is VITAL that we have both parents details on our systems and an additional emergency contact. Please do this asap as we would hate to not be able to contact you in an emergency.
- Please could you book an appointment to see a member of staff if you need to speak with them. You can do this via dojo or by telephoning the school office. The member of staff will quite happily either ring you back or suggest a suitable time to see you. Safeguarding all the children in our care is a priority and if a parent approaches a member of staff unannounced about a concern, they can sometimes stop that staff member from attending another meeting or distract them from making sure that all the children have been collected safely. We offer the very best support at SMG so please support us with this. Thank you.
- NEU strike Days are Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. The classes which will be affected will be contacted shortly.
- Following the Government's announcement of an additional one-off bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III on Monday 8th May 2023, SMG will be closed on this day.
- The SATs test week for the children in Y6 will be Tuesday 9th May—Friday 12th May.

This week the children in Year 6 all received their chosen high school places for September. We hope they are all happy with the school they have been offered.

School closes for EASTER on Thursday 6th April 1:15pm and reopens on Monday 24th April.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Rich