

ST MARIA GORETTI PRIMARY SCHOOL



Shining with God's love, pride and success

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Newsletter May 2023

Our Values this month are Forgiveness and Mercy

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those who attended our 'Coronation' celebration. The children looked wonderful dressed in red, white and blue and enjoyed showcasing their knowledge of the British values.' Each class took turns to deliver some new songs associated with King Charles and followed our rules well. I am so proud of the children at SMG as we always get praised for our beautiful manners. I would like to remind parents to also show their British values when visiting our school as the staff work so hard to provide such excellent opportunities and support for your children.

Well done to the children who have completed their end of year tests over the last 2 weeks. They have shown great resilience and hard work and used their knowledge well to do their very best –we are proud of you all!

Y4 had a super time at the Museum of Liverpool. Well done Y4

Y2 enjoyed their day at Fleetwood on Thursday and even the weather was kind to them! Well done Y2

Y6 had fun in the sun at Forest school on Friday showing their parents what new skills they had secured. Well done Y6

I spent part of Friday morning at Ladywell shrine. I was invited to share mass with Bishop Paul and with other Catholic head teachers of schools in Preston. During this time I was able to reflect on how important it is to take time out from our busy lives and keep ourselves mentally fit and have time to be calm. The children at SMG are lucky to be following the 'my happy mind' programme at our school which helps with this –please have look on our website under the PHSE section, in curriculum ,for further information. I would like to celebrate 'mental health' awareness by asking the children to **wear green on Friday 26th May** and if possible send in a little donation. Thank you.

ParentPay Accounts:

Please note that all ParentPay accounts must be cleared completely by the end of the summer term as debts must not be carried forward to the next academic year. Please ensure, therefore, that your child's account has a zero or positive balance. ParentPay accounts for Year 6 pupils must not have a negative balance and must stay in credit before the end of term when the account will be closed . Thank you.

FSM Vouchers – May Half Term Holiday 2023:

The Department for Works and Pensions Household Support Fund (HSF) grant has been extended with further funding being made available to County Councils and Unitary Authorities in England to support those most in need this summer.

For families who are eligible for free school meals and in receipt of benefits, free school meal vouchers to the value of £15.00 per child have been ordered for the week of half term, week commencing 29th May. The codes are available to collect from the school office

THESE CAN NOT BE ACTIVATED UNTIL 26TH MAY

If your own circumstances have changed and you think you are entitled please contact Pupil Access Team at Lancashire County Council on 01772 532109 with your Name, Date of Birth and National Insurance Number.

Dates for your diary

Y3 will be attending parish mas on Wednesday 24th May at 9am

School closes for half term on Friday 26th May at 3:10pm and re-opens on **Tuesday 6th June**

Wednesday 7th June –'Creepy Crawly 'workshop for y4 and Reception

Monday 12th June –This week Y1 will be completing a phonic screening check (please make sure they are practicing their sounds and nonsense words at home.)

Thursday 15th June - Y1 and Y5 are visiting Blackpool zoo

Monday 19th June –inflatable day! Each class will take turns to spend some time on the giant inflatables on the field.

29th June –EYFS have the farm visiting us at SMG.

SPORTS DAYS - Tuesday 4th July Y5/6 Wednesday 5th July Y1/2 Thursday 6th July Y3/4 and Friday 7th July EYFS

(More details will follow!)

On Tuesday 4th July we will be attending Mass and celebrating the Feast day of St Maria Goretti. The children will each receive an ice lolly treat on this day.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Rich