



ST MARIA GORETTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Uniforms

Please can I ask that you make sure that your child is wearing the FULL school uniform. NO TRAINERS or BOOTS! The PE hoody should only be worn for PE and should not be a replacement for the school jumper. We are so proud of our uniform at SMG and we think it is really smart.

Water

Please ensure your child has a water bottle with them each day so they have access to a drink at all times. No juice or flavoured water.

Dates for your diary:

Our famous Outdoor learning days are taking place **next week**. This day is one of our favourites and goes ahead whatever the weather. Please send your children to school in wellies, old clothes and waterproofs and with a change of clothing!

Monday 15th -Y5/6 Tuesday 16th -Y3/4 Wednesday 17th -Nursery and Reception Thursday 18th -Y1/2

Friday 19th November—we will be celebrating 'Children in Need' day. The children can wear their Pudsey ears and wear something spotty on this day. £1 donation

Christmas Jumper Day

We will be celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 10th December. This is the day we will also be having our school Christmas lunch.

Thursday 16th December—The PTFA have kindly offered to fund the whole school to a Christmas pantomime. So....we are taking all the children in Reception/Y1/2/3/4/5 and 6 to see SNOW WHITE at King George's Hall in Blackburn. We will be leaving school at lunchtime but won't be returning until 4:45pm. There will be no charge for this trip. Thank you to our wonderful PTFA!

Poppy Appeal

Thank you so much for sending in some spare pennies for the poppy appeal. Y6 have done a great job of selling Poppies —there will be a 1 minute silence in school on Thursday to remember the soldiers.

Parents Evening

As Covid is still around we thought the safest way to conduct a parents evening this year is to send home the report sheet that you would normally receive at a face to face meeting. These reports will be sent home on **Friday 26th November**. We are then asking if any parents would like to discuss the reports then a telephone appointment will be offered. This will all be explained fully in the letter enclosed with the reports.

Christmas Productions

The children would love you to come and see them in their Christmas show The Nursery and Reception Class will be performing their Nativity on **Wednesday 1st December** at 10am. Unfortunately we can NOT allow any photographs or videos of this performance as some of the children's families have requested this. Please respect this as we will take photos of the children and send them to you so you won't miss out!

We are hoping to allow 2 guests to watch their child in one of the performances If the number of Covid cases keep to a minimum. We can only allow safely a maximum of 80 people into the hall at one time. The Y1-6 performances will be

Tuesday **14th December** 2pm and 6pm and Wednesday **15th December** 2pm and 6pm. Please may we ask that all children attend all performances. Thank you. More information to follow.

Attendance

Please may we ask if your child is not going to be in school that you inform the school office by 9:30am. This will stop us from contacting you. If your child's absence is recorded as unauthorised (no valid reason or a holiday) then a fine will be issued to both parents after 10 sessions(2 per day.) Being in school every day and on time really helps a child with their learning and studies show that children with poor attendance (below 96%) will often not be at the age expected standard. Please also help your child to be on time as it is often embarrassing for them to walk into a quiet, hardworking school and be the only one that is out of class. If they enter the classroom in the middle of a lesson they will be confused and will have missed the instructions/teaching part of the lesson. Please make sure your child is on time! Letters have been issued to the children whose attendance is a concern. The attendance team at County Hall are also working with us as some of our children are missing way too much school. Please don't let it become a social care issue! Thank you

Xmas4Schools

Thank you for all the wonderful orders for the Christmas cards. Xmas4schools have received our designs and are currently printing them. Hopefully they will be with us shortly.

Hothersall Lodge 6th December

The Y6 children will be soon be attending their very first residential trip to Hothersall lodge on December 6th. Please can we remind you that all payments are made asap.

As always, if you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rich