



ST MARIA GORETTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Meet The Teacher

Thank you for attending the meet the teacher events to find out about the expectations for your child. We really appreciate your support. If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to get in touch with the class teacher via dojo and they will message you back during school hours or arrange a suitable time to speak to you.

We hope the parents of the Reception children found the phonic meeting useful and enjoy using the flashcards at home to help your child learn their sounds. The read, write, inc flashcards are still available to purchase from school.(£5)

Parents Evening will be held in November so please look out for further details to follow.

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.

Harvest Lunch

Thank you to the children who stayed for our special Harvest lunch. Each child received a raffle ticket to win a giant carrot and the winner was announced in assembly this morning –well done!

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to our Harvest food parcels which will be distributed to the local food banks. We will still be collecting next week so if you have any spare packets or tins –please donate!

Spooky Disco

The PTFA will be holding our spooky disco on Tuesday 19th October. If you wish your child to participate please come to the main entrance of school at 4pm-5pm if they are in Reception/Y1/ Y2 or at 5:15pm-6:30pm if they are in Y3/4/5 and 6. We are looking forward to seeing all the spooky costumes. The cost of this event is only £2. Please support!

May we please ask that all children are collected from the Bistro doors after the event as the nights are getting darker. Unfortunately, no parents will be allowed to stay as we have to limit numbers.

Zumba Day

On Wednesday 20th October the children will be taking part in a ZUMBA experience with Jessica from JL fitness. Please can the children (and staff!) make sure that they have their PE kits in school on this day.

Dates for your diary:

Friday 12th November—we will be celebrating 'Children in Need' day. The children can wear their Pudsey ears and wear something spotty on this day.

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!

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! Thank you

Miss Khawaja

Miss Khawaja left our school last week as she is getting married! She is moving to Bradford to set up home with her new husband. We wish her every happiness in her new adventure. Thank you for everything you have done for the children at SMG.

High School Applications

If your child is due to transfer to High School in September 2022, then please apply on-line at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools.

The CLOSING DATE FOR SECONDARY APPLICATIONS IS 31 OCTOBER 2021.

Mr Hankin, the Headteacher from Corpus Christi was very complimentary of our Y6 children who spent an exciting day this week experiencing a day in the life of a pupil at Corpus Christi and he is looking forward to seeing who has chosen the school as their first choice of High School.

Hothersall Lodge

The Y6 children will be soon be attending their very first residential trip to Hothersall lodge on December 6th. Please can we ask that all payments are made asap. Please see Mrs Bailey or Mrs Rich if you need to discuss any payment issues so that school is aware and the deposit can still be made to secure our booking. Thank you.

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

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rich