



ST MARIA GORETTI PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Newsletter September 10th 2021

Dear Parents/carers,

I would like to wish everyone a warm welcome back to SMG after what seemed to be the quickest summer holidays to date. I am hoping that this September is a lot different to the last one as we begin our journey of returning back to normality. Keeping everybody safe is still our priority so please find attached the school's risk assessment so you can have a quick read regarding the Covid rules. There are no bubbles and children only need to isolate if they test positive for Covid-19.

A HUGE welcome must go to our new families and to the children in the Reception class who have settled beautifully. We will be holding a 'Meet the Teacher' meeting for each class so that parents can come along and visit the classroom and hear about what is expected of their child this year. Please come along at 3pm to your child's class and meet the staff! If you have any questions we will try our very best to answer them too. See you then!

Meet The Teacher

Monday 13th September Y1

Tuesday 14th September Y6

Wednesday 15th September Y3

Thursday 16th September Y2

Friday 17th September Reception

Monday 20th September Y5

Tuesday 21st September Y4

There will also be additional curriculum meetings for phonics, SATs etc. dates will follow.

Uniforms

The children look so smart in their uniforms –thank you! It is so lovely how the children wear the school badge with pride. Please remember the 'Hoody' is for PE only and should not replace the school jumper. PE kits are to be kept in school Monday-Friday so the children have access to them at all times. Trainers can be worn in the Juniors(Y3-6) but we request that black pumps are worn in the infants (R/Y1/Y2)

The yellow, PE T-shirt should also have the school badge . No jewellery should be worn on PE days.

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 is allowed.

Roald Dahl Day

On Monday 13th September we will be celebrating Roald Dahl day in school by reading and watching some of his amazing books. The children will also be doing some exciting activities related to his works. Please share a story with your child or talk to them about who Roald Dahl is.

Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Monday 27th September taking individual photographs –if they have a sibling in school they will have their photograph together.

If any younger siblings wish to be in the photo please come to the infant school hall at 8:30am

Car Park

The car park at our school is for staff only. Please can you respect this and use the church car park or find a safe spot on Church Walk. The Gates are closed from 8:15am –9am and from 2:45pm –3pm. Please can I stress that the entrance to these gates is kept clear at all times as this is an emergency entry/exit. We are very lucky to have a car park that we can use (it's only a minute walk to/from school.) Do not be alarmed or even rude if you are asked to move your car by staff if you have ignored the rules and parked in the staff car park. It is for YOUR children's safety. Thank you

Welfare Assistant –5hrs per week (1hour per day12pm-1pm)

If you fancy joining our welfare team each lunch time. Please could you contact Mrs Rich head@st-mariagoretti.lancs.sch.uk with a brief description of why you are suitable for this position and include any experience you may have. Thank you.

Cafod

We're Going Green for CAFOD!

On Friday 1st October, we will be 'going green' to raise money for CAFOD by wearing our own, green clothes/accessories. We kindly ask for a £1 donation in return.

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

Events –PTFA

The PTFA fund lots of extra luxuries for our school and enjoy raising money by providing fun opportunities for our children. If you would like to be part of our PTFA please look out for the dates of the meetings as we would love your help and ideas for further fundraising. A HUGE thank you to the PTFA who have recently bought our fantastic picnic benches and have provided a wet play box full of games and activities for each class when it is wet outside.

As Always, please get in touch with any queries.

Mrs Rich