

St. Marie's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Learning through Faith , Love and Respect

Welcome back to everyone. I hope you all had a happy, restful and safe holiday and you are ready for a new school year. Welcome to all our new children in Reception class and across school. The teachers and I would like to thank you for your generous cards and gifts received at the end of last year. If you have any concerns regarding your child please contact the class teacher or me as soon as possible. Regards, Mrs E Somers

<p><u>Newsletters</u> This newsletter will be produced every Thursday to keep you informed about events and functions throughout the year. The PTFA will also send regular newsletters on blue paper. This newsletter is also available on the school website www.saintmaries.wigan.sch.uk</p> <p><u>Meet your new teacher</u> There will be an opportunity for all parents/carers/grandparents to meet your new class teacher. Any major changes and new procedures will be explained and you will have the opportunity to ask any general questions. We will hold further information sessions later in the year. The times of the meetings are 3.15 – 4.00 pm, and dates are as follows:</p> <p>Monday 7th Sept – Y1 & Y2 Tuesday 8th Sept – Y3 Thursday 10th Sept – Y4 & Y5</p> <p>Children will leave school by the usual routes and you should return through the main entrance.</p> <p><u>Y6 Meeting</u> On Weds 9th September parents of children in Y6 are invited at 6.00 pm to meet the teachers and to hear about the process for admission to High School, the curriculum, assessment and the residential visit to Low Bank Ground. Mr McGlown, the Headteacher at St. Peter's, will also be at this meeting to explain admission to St. Peter's. A separate letter has been sent to children in Y6.</p> <p><u>Mass in School</u> You are welcome to join us on Friday 11th September at 9.15 am in the school hall to celebrate our start of year Mass.</p> <p><u>Volunteers in School</u> Once again we are asking for help from parents, grandparents or interested adults. There are a variety of activities where adults may help including making toast, walking to the swimming pool, working with small groups in class, art/display and reading at 9.00 – 9.30 am. Full guidance will be given by teachers. Please complete the pro-forma below if you are able to help in any way.</p>	<p><u>Healthy Snack Time</u> At morning break children may only eat fruit, vegetables, toast and drink water. Toast costs 15p per slice. Infants are provided with free fruit by the government. Snack money should be paid weekly on Mondays for the following week. This is 75p for one slice of toast for the week and £1 for fruit per week. All children should bring a plastic filled water bottle into school in the morning. They may re-fill it during the day.</p> <p>Reception Class are provided with a healthy snack everyday as part of their normal routine. Please send £1 into school each Monday morning to cover the cost..</p> <p><u>Serious Nut Allergy</u> We have a new child in school with a serious nut allergy so if you are sending food into school please ensure it is completely free from nuts and nut products. Thank you.</p> <p><u>Snacks/Dinner Money</u> If you wish to pay for your child's meals/snacks for a whole term (38 days), from 2/9/15 – 23/10/15 inclusive, the amounts are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reception snack £7.60 - 1 slice of toast £5.70 - 2 slices of toast £11.40 - Hot Dinners £83.60 - Friday Favourites £17.60 <p>Please send all monies for dinner and snacks to school, with your child, every Monday morning. Thank you.</p> <p><u>Jewellery</u> Please note that jewellery must not be worn in school. All earrings, bracelets and necklaces should be left at home.</p>	<p><u>Safety at the gate</u> Please ensure that you park legally in the streets around school and that you respect our neighbours – please do not block driveways and please ensure the bus can get down Greenwood Street.</p> <p><u>Playground safety</u> The black gate will be closed at 8.30 am and 3.10 pm to keep children and parents safe. Children arriving after the green playground gate is locked must enter school through the main entrance.</p> <p><u>Gardening appeal</u> On Monday we will receive a visit from an ECO Schools assessor to check on our maintenance of the Green Flag Award. The garden areas at the rear of school are in great need of some attention, so if anyone can spare some time on Saturday morning between 9.30 and 11.00 am this will be greatly welcome. Please bring wellies and a trowel.</p> <p><u>PTFA</u> The AGM and first meeting will be held on Monday 14th September at 7.00 pm in school. Everyone is very welcome. At this meeting we will be discussing the talent show in October.</p> <p><u>Wigan 10K Race</u> Mrs Bunting and many parents are taking part in the annual Wigan 10K Race on Sunday. This sponsored event is organised to raise funds for research into Muscular Dystrophy, which has affected little Evan Doyle in Y4 and Jack Johnson. The Joining Jack campaign has raised a huge amount for this important cause. If you wish to support staff or parents donations can be made to Joining Jack.</p>
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Collective Worship theme - Celebrating New Beginnings

To the new year ahead of us, **We look forward with hope.**
To the lessons we shall take part in and the games we shall play, **We look forward with hope.**
To the friends we shall meet, **We look forward with hope.** To all who will care for us, **We look forward with hope.**
Your world, O Lord, is great and wonderful and we have much to learn. Be with us at the start of this new year. Amen.

Volunteers in school

Child's name _____ class _____

I am able to continue volunteering with _____ on (day) _____

Signed _____

Child's name _____ Class _____

I would like to help with _____

On _____ (day) at (time) _____