



# St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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**Value of the Week**  
**Hope**

**Newsletter Issue 1**  
**Week ending Friday 9th September**

*'For I know the plans I have for you. Plans to prosper you not harm you. Plans to give you a hope and a future..' Jeremiah 29:11*

## **Welcome Back**

Welcome back to a brand new school year. A special welcome must go to our new Year 3 children who have coped very well this week and also to our new staff:-

Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3
Mrs McCormack		Miss Colmer Miss Mills	Miss Enright Miss Devenport Miss Corlan Miss Brew Miss Walters

## **Sad News**



During the Summer holidays we were saddened by the death of our wonderful pupil Olivia Pratt Korbel. Olivia's death has devastated the whole community and our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time. We have lots of support in place for our pupils as Listening Ear Counselling service will be working in school for the foreseeable future. Support is also available for parents-please contact school for details. In the future, we plan to ensure that there is a memorial in school for Olivia. We will make a decision on a suitable memorial once we have consulted with the family.

Olivia's funeral will take place next Thursday (15th September). School will remain open for our pupils but the children will spend the day 'off timetable' taking part in activities to celebrate Olivia's life. All children will also be invited to wear 'a splash of pink'.



**Rest in Peace Queen Elizabeth II**  
**21st April 1926-8th September 2022**

### **Parent Forum Meeting**

The first Parent Forum Meeting of the year will take place on **Monday (12th September)** at 6pm.

**All welcome!**

### **Attendance**

As is the case in all schools, attendance of pupils will be closely monitored and we want to work with parents to secure good attendance in school. If you require any support with your child's attendance/punctuality, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us -we are here to help in whatever way we can. Parents will be alerted should their child's attendance fall below 95%.

### **Gallery**



Well done to Lucy (4CD), for achieving 1st place in vault and 3rd place on the floor at a gymnastics competition.

### **Congratulations**

Well done to Logan, Alex E, Vincent and Frankie from 5MW, who competed in a Fundraising Football match in memory of Olivia Pratt-Korbel. They represented their team, MAGs Columbus and raised over £300. We are very proud of them!

## Organisation within school

Should parents have any concerns in relation to any aspect of school life they should contact the following people:-

Mr Pimblett- Any issues related to finance (eg. Parent Pay/ Breakfast and After School Club)

Mrs Culley- Attendance/Punctuality issues  
Wellbeing

Mrs Perry- Emotional Support

Mrs Medway- SEND related queries

## Breakfast and After School Club

Breakfast Club (£2) - 8.00am to the start of the child's registration session.

After School Club (£7) - End of the school day to 17.30pm.

We ask that parents do not send cash into school but instead pay via our Parentpay system.

It is essential that parents book their child a place for each session that they require. Children should not be sent into the Breakfast or After School Club without first having booked a place via parent pay.

Year 3 pupils should, by now, have brought home their ParentPay login details.

## Communication

If any parent has a question/concern/suggestion that they would like to bring to our attention, they should raise it via the class teacher in the first instance. If it is something that the class teacher will be unable to solve, please do not hesitate to contact your Year Group Head (Year 6-Mr Arnold (6SA), Year 5-Mrs Culley (before Christmas/Mr Hurst after Christmas (5NW), Year 4-Mrs Dwerryhouse (4CD), Year 3-Miss Finnegan (3CF) or a member of the Senior Leadership Team (Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Culley, Mrs Ambrose, Mr Pimblett):-

E mail addresses are as follows:

YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
3CF	2026d@smmj.org.uk	4CD	2025d@smmj.org.uk	5JP	2024d@smmj.org.uk	6AC	2023f@smmj.org.uk
3GT	2026c@smmj.org.uk	4HW	2025b@smmj.org.uk	5MB	2024b@smmj.org.uk	6LT	2023g@smmj.org.uk
3ME	2026b@smmj.org.uk	4PS	2025c@smmj.org.uk	5KN	2024c@smmj.org.uk	6JK	2023h@smmj.org.uk
3ST	2026a@smmj.org.uk	4SC	2025a@smmj.org.uk	5NW	2024a@smmj.org.uk	6SA	2023e@smmj.org.uk

SLT (Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Culley, Mrs Ambrose, Mr Pimblett)- [SLT@smmj.org.uk](mailto:SLT@smmj.org.uk)

## Behaviour Expectations

This week we have reminded the children of our School Expectations:-

Be Safe

Be Respectful

Be Your Best

We have also talked through with the children the types of behaviour that is unacceptable and will result in a sanction. These include but are not exclusive to:-

-Verbal Abuse (towards staff)

-Hurtful Name calling (towards peers)

-Physical Assault against a pupil/member of staff

-Ignoring the requests of staff

-Damage to school property/the property of others (this includes graffiti)

-Running through the building

- Persistent disruptive Behaviour (in/out of class/ for school staff/supply staff/visitors)
- Touching Food that belongs to othehildrs

We would ask that parents support us in reminding their child of ou r school expectations. Where school and home work together, children really thrive in school..

## Reminders

In order for us to include your child's image (eg. in the newsletter, on the website, on Twitter) we require consent from parents. With this in mind may we request that you click on the link below to indicate the permissions that you give to school?

<https://forms.gle/dqd4UhtiwRuVxWbi9>

Please note that you may withdraw permission at any time. If you do wish to change your mind at a later date, please e mail school on:-

[slt@smmj.org.uk](mailto:slt@smmj.org.uk)

## With You Always Programme in Yr 5 (Reconciliation & First Holy Communion)

The With You Always Programme will be organised and run within the school curriculum again this year. Information regarding enrolment and an initial meeting will be shared with Year 5 parents next week. If any children in Year 6 would like to be enrolled on the programme they are also invited to do so and attend the school meeting.

## Flu Vaccine

The NHS immunisation team will be coming into school on 31st October to deliver the Fluenz nasal spray for all our children. An online form (e-consent) link will be shared with you in early September for you to complete.

### Healthy Eating

There is evidence to suggest that the healthier a child's diet is, the better able they are to concentrate. We would therefore like to offer parents a few suggestions as to what they might send in with their child to consume during their break times:-

Toast

Crumpet

Fresh fruit (avoid dried fruit at snack times)

Veg sticks

Low sugar rice cakes

Low sugar yoghurt

### School Uniform

Well done to all our children for looking so smart in their school uniforms returning to school this week.

We would like to remind everyone that a school tie is an essential part of our uniform and must be worn each day.

In addition, please ensure that your child wears school shoes and not black trainers. If you are unsure as to what is acceptable please ask your child's teacher or refer to the school website. The information can be found on the 'parent' tab under 'school uniform'.

### PE Uniform

Our children are invited to wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE. Please remember this is a pair of black shorts, the school PE T-shirt and / or a plain black

Soft cheese and crackers

Please note that crisps and chocolate will not be allowed to be consumed during morning break times. We recommend that children bring a labelled bottle of water to school to drink throughout the day.

tracksuit or school tracksuit. This does include a named tracksuit and other colours other than black.

### Mobile Phones

Please note that, unless a Mobile Phone contract has been signed (by the parent and child) and returned to school (for the attention of Mrs Culley), mobile phones will not be allowed in school. Mobile phones will be confiscated should a child without a contract bring one into school. Should this happen, the phone will be returned to a parent/responsible adult at the end of the day. Should parents wish their child to bring a phone into school (because their child is walking home/going home with someone different). A mobile phone contract is available from your child's class teacher.

### Thank You!

Many thanks to all parents for your ongoing support of the school. It is very much appreciated! We very much look forward to once again working in Partnership with you this year

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus

