



St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Junior School

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Value of the Week
Hope

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'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 settling into their new school. A big welcome also to Mrs Howell who joins our school team in Year 4.

Building Work

Over the Summer break, school was busy improving facilities with programmes such as an LED lighting replacement programme, ceiling replacements, murals, mosaics, recarpeting and much more, to make our school the best place it can be for our community.

Pink Day

This beautiful mural created by Paul Curtis is proudly displayed in our school corridor. The artwork was inspired by the work of our Year 4 children on Pink Day. Well done Year 4 and thank you Paul for working with our children.



This stunning mosaic, created by Year 5 in Pink Day, has been installed in school over the summer holidays. Well done Year 5 and thank you Debbie Ryan for working with our children.



Wellbeing Award

Our school is very proud that we were one of the first schools in Knowsley to receive the Wellbeing Award in 2020. We are equally proud of everything we offer our children and families to support them throughout their time in our school. We have now entered into a reassessment period and hope to retain the award in February. Please contact Mrs Culley or Mrs Perry if we can support you or your child in any way.

Flu Immunisation 2023

The Immunisation Team will be coming into school on 17th October at 9.00am to administer the nasal spray vaccine to all our children. The online e consent link is now active from 1st September. Please see below the link and the QR code to complete a consent form for Flu.



<https://econsent.merseycare.nhs.uk/>

If you need to complete the form over the telephone or require a paper copy don't hesitate to contact the Immunisation Team using the following details:

Helen Rampling, Immunisation Team Administrator, Child Community Health Service, Knowsley Children's Care Admin Hub, Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust, 1st Floor, Manor Farm PCRC, Manor Farm Road, Huyton, Liverpool, L36 0UB Tel:- 0151 351 8805

Parent Forum

Our Parent Forum Meetings are an ideal way for parents to be kept in touch with developments in school. They are also a platform for parents to bring to the attention any suggestions that they have for the future development of the school. The first of these meetings will take place next **Tuesday (12th September at 9.30am)**. All parents are invited to attend and the Zoom Code will be sent out to parents on Monday.

Anti-Bullying email address

As a school we are keen to ensure that every child's experience is a positive one. If any child feels that they are encountering difficulties with other children, they should alert school using the following e mail address:-

anti-bullying@smmj.org.uk

A member of the Pastoral team will regularly check these emails.

Attendance

One of our school priorities this year is to raise attendance and to reduce Persistent Absenteeism (a persistent absentee is defined by the Government as a pupil whose attendance is 90% or less. A child's success in school (both academically and socially) relies on good attendance. If they are missing from school, they are not only missing out on valuable lessons but they are also missing out on the opportunity to forge friendships. If any parent would like some support in securing good attendance for their child, please contact school.

As a rough guide to how good your child's attendance is, please refer to the chart below:-

Equates to	ATTENDANCE	
	100%	PERFECTION
4 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	98%	IMPRESSIVE
7 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	96%	GOOD
9 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	95%	NEARLY THERE
11 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE
19 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	90%	SERIOUS CONCERNS
29 SCHOOL DAYS ABSENCE (in a school year)	85%	GRAVE CONCERNS

THANK YOU TO ALL PARENTS FOR GETTING THEIR CHILDREN TO SCHOOL ON TIME - IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

Congratulations!

Well done to Jacob (3CF) for winning 1st & 3rd place in a Liverpool Trampoline competition - Gymnastics Academy.



High School Admissions

For our Year 6 parents, applications for high school are now open and will close on **31st October 2023**. Application to high school should be made via the council that you reside in. Details will be available on the council website. Should any parent require any support in completing the high school admission form, please do not hesitate to get in touch with school and a member of our team will assist you.

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 have brought home their ParentPay login details this week.

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-Mr Hurst (5AH), 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	2027a@smmj.org.uk	4CD	2026d@smmj.org.uk	5AH	2026b@smmj.org.uk	6AC	2024b@smmj.org.uk
3GT	2027c@smmj.org.uk	4HW	2026a@smmj.org.uk	5JK	2025d@smmj.org.uk	6JP	2024d@smmj.org.uk
3HM	2027d@smmj.org.uk	4KH	2026b@smmj.org.uk	5KL	2025a@smmj.org.uk	6LT	2024a@smmj.org.uk
3ST	2027b@smmj.org.uk	4SC	2026c@smmj.org.uk	5PS	2025c@smmj.org.uk	6SA	2024c@smmj.org.uk

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

We ask that, out of courtesy to staff, e mails are only scheduled to arrive between 8am and 6pm (Monday-Friday only).

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/YuTCB1s47i5Lv4Zs8>

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

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

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.

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. Guidance on appropriate footwear was provided in the summer term to all families. 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 Day

On their PE day, we ask that pupils come to school in their PE kit. The children may wear a tracksuit over the top of their kit. This year we ask that this is a school track suit or plain black and not a named tracksuit (Adidas, Nike etc)Ye

Year 5 Holy Communion

Most of our Year 5 children will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time on Saturday 16th and Saturday 23rd September. They will be completing their final sessions in school over the next two weeks. Please keep the children in your prayers at this time.

Year 4 Holy Communion

A short Holy Communion enrolment meeting for our current Year 4 pupils will take place on Thursday 14th September at 5.30pm in the school hall. Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate with you. Your child will need to have been baptised in a catholic church to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion.

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), please request a contract from Mrs Culley or your child's class teacher.

AUTUMN TERM DATES FOR DIARY

Dates are subject to change in certain circumstances-in the case of changes, we will endeavour to give parents as much notice as possible.

September

12th Parent Forum (9.30am)

PTA Meeting (3.30pm) in 3CF

13th Year 4 Science Workshops (Light)

14th 4CD and 4SC to work with the CLC

Year 4 and 5 Rebound to commence (after school)

Year 4 Holy Communion Enrolment Meeting (school hall)-5.30pm

15th Year 3 Rebound Dance to commence after school.
16th Year 5 Holy Communion Services 10 am and 12 noon
21st 4CD and 4SC to work with the CLC
23rd Year 5 Holy Communion Services 10 am and 12 noon
28th 4CD and 4SC to work with the CLC

29th MacMillan Coffee Morning in the school hall 9.30-10.30am

October

Week Beginning 2nd-World Space Week
2nd School Photograph Day
5th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC
Week Beginning 9th-Year 3 Child Centred Reviews (for parents of pupils with SEND)
11th Bishop Tom in School
12th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC
 Governor Morning
 PTA Disco- Years 3 and 4 (3.15pm-4.15pm)
 Years 5 and 6 (4.30-5.30pm)
13th St Margaret Mary's Feast Day Mass
Week Beginning 16th-Year 6 Swimming
 Year 4 Child Centred Reviews(for parents of pupils with SEND)
17th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)
18th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)
19th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC
 Governors' Buildings, Staffing and Finance Meeting (9am)
Week Beginning 23rd-Year 5 Child Centred Reviews(for parents of pupils with SEND)
24th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)
25th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 1 (Treasure Hunt in Church)
 Year 4 Harvest Assembly (2pm)-venue to be confirmed
26th 4HW and 4KH to work with the CLC
 Year 4 Harvest Assembly (9.30am)-venue to be confirmed
27th Coffee Morning (9.30-10.30am)-doors will open at 9.10am
 School closes for the half term holiday
31st **Closing Date for Secondary School Applications**

November

Week Beginning 6th November-Year 6 Child Centred reviews (for parents of pupils with SEND)
6th-Return to school following half term holiday
9th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC
10th Pre-Loved Book Sale (Clare Lawson Room)
Week Beginning 13th National Anti-Bullying Week
 Year 5 Swimming
14th PTA Meeting in 3CF (3.30pm)
 Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2
15th Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2
16th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC
 Governors' Curriculum Meeting (2pm)
Week Beginning 20th Year 5 Swimming
 Assessment Week in School
21st Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2
22nd Year 4 Holy Communion Session 2
23rd 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC
30th 3CF and 3ST to work with the CLC

December

1st **School closed for INSET Day**
Week Beginning 4th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)
5th Year 4 Communion Session 3
6th Year 4 Communion Session 3
7th 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC
8th Christmas Jumper Day
 Coffee Morning
 Christmas Fair (pm) 2pm-4.15pm
Week Beginning 11th Assertive Mentoring Conversations (Dates and Times to be decided)

11th Stay and Pray Choir Event
12th Year 4 Communion Session 3
 Year 3 Nativity Performance for Year 2
13th Year 4 Communion Session 3
 Year 3 Nativity Performance for parents (1.15pm)-venue to be confirmed
14th 3GT and 3HM to work with the CLC
15th Breakfast with Santa
 Year 4 Reconciliation
 Christmas Lunch
18th Christmas Carol Concert for Parents (9.30am)
 Christmas Party
19th Whole School to the Christmas Pantomime-Sleeping Beauty
20th End of Term Mass
 Christmas Talent Show

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



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