

St Mary Queen of Martyrs

Voluntary Catholic Academy

Newsletter

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We are very sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Jackson who is leaving at Easter to spend more time with her family. She has been a splendid leader in the Foundation Stage and has been a very proactive member of our Senior Leadership Team. She has built wonderful relationships with the parents and has been very supportive, always wanting the best for the children and their families. We wish her every happiness in her new life after St Mary Queen of Martyrs and thank her for her wonderful contribution to the school. She will be missed.

New website

www.stmaryqom.co.uk

Our website is up and running! All upcoming dates, events, blogs and curriculum topics are on it. To support learning at home, we have inserted some good links to support with Maths and English.

Polite Parking & No dogs!

Please remember to park your cars safely when you drop and pick up your children. We continue to have calls from local residents about careless parking which blocks them in.

Remember dogs are **not** allowed on our school premises for safeguarding reasons.

A review of our school

As you know we had a review of the school on the 5th & 6th of February. It was indeed a very positive report overall. The LA team were overwhelmed by your lovely children and their excellent attitudes to learning.

School Uniform and other things!

Thank you for ensuring that your children wear full school uniform to school. Lately we have noticed that a few are coming to school without their ties. If you would like to purchase another tie, you can do so from the school office for £3.00. We are a no jewellery school and ear-rings are **NOT** allowed to be worn in school under any circumstances. Thank you for your support with the home school agreement.

Easter activities - parents very welcome

Easter Egg competition KS2- The FOS have organised another Easter egg competition. The children can be as creative as they can with hard boiled eggs. You may start bringing in the creations from Monday, 16th March. The judging will take place on Friday 27th at 10.30am. Parents welcome.

Easter bonnet parade KS1—The FOS have organised an Easter bonnet parade for the younger pupils. The children can again be as creative as they can with the bonnets. Please bring the bonnets into school on Friday, 27th March. The Easter bonnet parade will start at 9.15am.

Easter Play -Year 3/4

We are all looking forward to the Year 3/4 Easter play.

Year 3 - Wednesday 25th at 1.30pm

Year 4—Thursday 26th at 1.30pm

School Times

Breakfast Club 8.00 am—8.50 am
(door closes 8.30 am)
£1.00 per day
School starts 8.50 am
Lessons start 8.55 am
School finishes 3.00 pm

Dates for your Diary

March

16th Sacrament of Reconciliation
17th Year 1 Parents' Curriculum Meeting

20th Irish Dancing display

23rd Palm Sunday celebrations

24th Puzzle challenge Day -end of term activity.

25th Year 3 Easter Play—Dress Rehearsal 9.30am. Easter play for the parents at 1.30pm.

26th Year 4 Easter play at 1.30pm

Whole school Mass & Last Supper liturgies.

27th Easter Egg & Easter bonnet competition judging

Easter Liturgy at 2pm

Break up for Easter holidays

April 14th Return to school—start of the summer term

April 16th -Swimming starts for the Year 4

4th May School closed for May Day.

11th May—SATs for Year 6 pupils

Holiday Dates

Easter

Friday 27th March—Return:
Tuesday 14th April 2015

May day

4th May 2015

May half term

Friday 22nd May—Return:
Monday 1st June 2015

Summer Hols

Friday 19th July—7th Sept
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Unwanted Visitors

We are having a continued problem with head lice. Please ensure long hair is tied back or braided. If headlice is reported all the children in the class will receive a letter requesting you to check your child's hair and to carry out the necessary procedure. You can buy a special comb at your local chemist for £10.00 that gets rid of the eggs just by combing!! It is vital that the procedure is followed so that our headlice problem doesn't escalate!

St Patrick's Day

To celebrate St Patrick's Day we will be having a special Irish dancing display on Friday 20th at 2.20pm. All parents welcome.



Punctuality & Attendance Counts

Please ensure that your children are on the playground by **8.45am** as they need to be in school at 8.50 am for registration and 'Quick Maths' starts at 8.55am. We are very aware that it is the same pupils who are always late for school. Parents will be contacted by our Attendance Officer if their children are continually late to school. Please also note that pupils returning from a home lunch need to be back in school for 12.45pm.

New Curriculum

The next information meeting is for the Year 1 Parents. It will take place on Tuesday, 17th March at 3.00pm and your children will be looked after. The meeting will be approximately 30 minutes. Feedback from the parents has noted that these meetings are very useful so we do urge you to attend please.

FSM - Free School Meals

If your child does not stay for lunch or if they are entitled to a free meal under Universal free school meals, we still need you to complete a free school meal form, especially if you think you may be entitled. This is because we receive additional funding for all FSM pupils. A £50 Asda voucher will be given to any new parents who apply for and are entitled to FSM. The form is on the website and we can support you to complete it, if you need any help.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended our open day last term. We were very pleased with your positive comments on the school and we appreciate your thoughts on ways forward too!

Parent's Evening - Monday 23rd 3.15- 6.30

Tuesday 24th 3.15 -5.30

On Parents' evening there will be a consultation on our new Sex and Relationship Education which is called 'Journey in Love' it is a developmental Programme for the primary years. The programme has been approved by the Catholic Diocese.

Early Excellence in the Foundation Area.

We are planning to spend a large amount of funding on our Foundation area, so that we can further improve the provision. Plans are in place to increase the outdoor capacity, to fence the perimeter of the area, to increase storage and resources. We are also re-designing the whole of the Foundation zone. You can see our plans on Parents' Evening and we welcome your suggestions.

Lent and sacrifice

We will be having the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions) on Monday after assembly.

Thank you to you all for explaining Lent to your children through the Travelling cross.

Homework

We are trying hard to improve the standard of homework. We ask you to ensure that homework is done to the highest expectations and for you to check to make certain that it meets with your approval.

Goodybye to Miss Sargent

Miss Sargent will be leaving us at Easter to support her Mum and Dad's company.

We wish her the very best of luck and thank her for all she has done for our school.

The last edition of the Cath com newspaper has a very child friendly article on Preparing for Easter in the Little Peace section. Please ensure your child reads it with you so that they understand Easter and the reason why we sacrifice.