

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year! I hope you all had a fantastic summer holiday and enjoyed spending time together...where did the time go?! It has been wonderful to see the children back to school, ready to learn, keen to please and looking smart. The children have settled well into their new classes and new routines. You will shortly receive a letter from your child's class teacher explaining routines, curriculum and expectations. This will also include an invitation to 'Meet the Teacher' after school on Wednesday 19th September. This is an informal opportunity to see the classroom and ask any questions that you may have following their welcome letter. Formal Parent Consultations will occur on Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th October.



Welcome!

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new children and families joining St. Margaret Clitherow in Reception and Nursery – we look forward to working with you and creating memories with you and your children. I would also like to welcome Mr Hewitt (Deputy headteacher and Year 6 teacher), Mrs Schofield (SENCO), Mrs Flynn (part time Year 3 teacher – Mondays and Tuesdays), Ms Sinclair (part time Year 3 teacher - Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays) and Mr Buckle (Rising Stars sports coach on Fridays) to our team.

School Values

This year we have renewed our school values based on the values of the Kingdom of God. It is an opportunity to take Christ's teaching into the heart of our faith and our school. Jesus taught constantly about "The Kingdom of God". This concept was at the **centre** of His teaching and life – we want to have the same at St. Margaret Clitherow School. Our mission is to do all we can to bring signs of God's mercy, compassion and justice into the world. This is the mission Jesus has entrusted us to do. If we have faith in Him, we will witness how He can help us to help others.



Our values are:

Love, Peace, Truth, Justice, Goodness, Forgiveness, Faith, Hope, Courage and Freedom.



Jesus lives in us, our families, our school, our Church, our world. Jesus is our guide, let us follow Him
At St Margaret Clitherow School we are committed to Safeguarding Children

Some gentle reminders

Please remember the following guidelines, which aim to keep our school a safe place to be:

- **Only park in designated spaces in the car park – not along the hedge, yellow zig zag lines or in the open space near the entrance to the school.**
- All children must be accompanied by an adult through the car park.
- The junior play equipment must not be used by anyone before or after school.
- The infant play equipment must only be used by children, with care, under parental supervision.
- Small play equipment (balls etc) must not be taken from the containers before or after school.
- Bikes and scooters must be walked through the playground.
- Balls are not permitted on the playground or field before or after school.
- The learning area outside Year 1 and 2 must not be used before or after school.
- There will be occasions when we will need to close the gate promptly after school.

Dinner Monies – another gentle reminder!

Please remember that school meals must be paid for in advance. The preferred payment method is via Parentpay, however cash or cheque payments can also be made via the school office. Activation codes for Year 3 parents were sent home this week, however, if you need a new code or support setting up an account, please contact the school office.

Parentpay offers the option to set up low balance alerts. If you wish to set this up on your account, please follow these instructions:

1. Login
2. Go to Communications
3. Go to Alert Settings
4. Select the type of Alert (low balance and/or new item) and select how you want to receive alerts, email and/or SMS Text.

Email alerts are free of charge. If you opt for SMS text alerts there is a small charge per text.

Remember – no problem is too big or too small!

We are always keen to work with parents as a problem arises. Please do not let things fester. Whether it is perceived as a big problem or a minor one – please do make contact and we'll try to help you! Initially a word with the class teacher either in person or on the phone can help to share the worry; if after this point it still remains a worry please make an appointment to discuss the matter with a member of the Senior Leadership Team via the school office. Remember – if it is a worry for you or your child then it is a worry for us! Please do not be concerned about bothering busy staff – it's what we are all here for.

I am extremely proud to be headteacher of St. Margaret Clitherow School and I look forward to working with you all this year!

God Bless



Carmela Puccio
Headteacher



Important dates this term
(dates and times subject to change – please check our website)

Wednesday, 12 th September	Violin lessons start
Thursday, 13 th September 2018	Swimming starts for Years 3 and 4
Monday, 17 th September 2018	Year 6 trip to Crucial Crew (AM)
Monday, 17 th September 2018	Kingswood meeting Year 5 & 6 parents (7pm)
Wednesday, 19 th September 2018	Meet the teacher (3:30pm – 4:15pm)
Tuesday, 25 th September 2018	PSFA EGM 6.30pm
Wednesday, 26 th September 2018	EYFS Curriculum evening (7pm)
Wednesday, 17 th October 2018	Parent Consultations (3:50pm – 6pm)
Thursday, 18 th October 2018	Parent Consultations (5pm – 8pm)
Thursday, 25 th October 2018	Harvest Mass (9:30am) all welcome
Friday, 26 th October 2018	Finish for October break: 3.30pm

Half Term: Monday, 29th October to Friday, 2nd November 2018

Monday, 5 th November 2018	Return to school: 8.45am
Monday, 5 th November 2018	Individual and sibling school photographs
Thursday, 8 th November 2018	Remembrance Mass (9:30am) all welcome
Friday, 7 th December 2018	EYFS Nativity Performance (9:30am)
Tuesday, 11 th December 2018	KS2 Christmas Performance Year 4&6 Parents (7pm)
Wednesday, 12 th December 2018	KS1 Christmas Performance (9:30am)
Thursday, 13 th December 2018	Whole School Advent Mass 9:30am all welcome
To be confirmed	KS2 Christmas Performance Year 3&5 Parents (7pm)
Friday, 21 st December 2018	Finish for Christmas break: 1:45pm

Christmas Break: Monday, 24th December to Friday, 4th January 2019

Monday, 7 th January 2019	Return to school: 8.45am
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