



ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - W.E. 29.09.23

Class Attendance This Week

Nursery	96.97%	Year 3	95.00%
Reception	93.75%	Year 4	96.33%
Year 1	96.00%	Year 5	97.30%
Year 2	97.78%	Year 6	99.33%

Congratulations!
YEAR 6 have the
best
attendance this
week.



Class Attendance This Year

Nursery	96.55%	Year 3	97.75%
Reception	95.72%	Year 4	96.20%
Year 1	98.15%	Year 5	97.49%
Year 2	98.56%	Year 6	98.33%

Congratulations!
YEAR 2 have the
best
attendance this
year (so far)!

Class Awards

Values & Virtues

Reception -	Laila Shakil
Year 1 -	Skylar Woolley
Year 2 -	Alfred King
Year 3 -	Aniela Kaminska
Year 4 -	Billie Crutchley
Year 5 -	Archie Dunn
Year 6 -	Iulian Rata

Reading

Reception -	Mylo Wood
Year 1 -	Reuben Soleimani
Year 2 -	Noah Eric-Famogun
Year 3 -	Woody Hughes
Year 4 -	Eliyas Soleimani
Year 5 -	El-Spencer Affui
Year 6 -	Emmy Wilbraham

Headteacher

Reception -	No permission
Year 1 -	Jenton Seaman
Year 2 -	Zayaan Mirza
Year 3 -	Ellis Affui
Year 4 -	Miryam Yohanis Belay
Year 5 -	Lily Baskeyfield
Year 6 -	Scarlett Foxall

Most Dojo's

Reception -	Stanley Barlow
Year 1 -	Jacob Jones
Year 2 -	Ben Cartlidge
Year 3 -	Ellis Affui
Year 4 -	Sebastian Baura
Year 5 -	James Farmer
Year 6 -	Marta Nowik

Citizenship

Reception -	Jessica Hamnett
Year 1 -	Nella Crutchley
Year 2 -	Courtney Mavengano
Year 3 -	Rhys Underwood
Year 4 -	Mahlia James
Year 5 -	Flynn Buckner
Year 6 -	Aliona Van Rooyen



Family Day

On Monday 9th October, we will hold our termly family day. You will have the opportunity to come and work with your child for a morning or an afternoon session. Due to space constraints, we can only have one family member per child and you can only spend the morning or the afternoon with your child.

If you would like to be included on our register, please sign up using the following link by Wednesday 4th October 3:30pm:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ff_X21JOLUqrNU74XKfvxHt7rKpnpEZGvU_RPolISf5UNDNIQVFWNO RKOTRKTjBDRFNXVjZlNzREQy4u

You will need to complete one form per child. Please do not put more than one child on each form.



School Fund

Each family is asked to contribute £10 per year to the School Fund. This money is used for a variety of things including subsidising trips, visitors and themed weeks. School Fund money is very important as without it school trips would be much more expensive to go on and the children would miss out a number of experiences.

Father Adrian

Some of you may have heard the sad news that Fr Adrian's mum died over the weekend. I would ask that you remember Mrs MacNamara (Kate) in your prayers and also for Fr Adrian.



SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, 'My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not go,' but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, 'Certainly, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?"

"The first," they said. Jesus said to them, "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and outcasts are making their way into the Kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and outcasts did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him."

Matthew 21:28 - 32

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus again tells us a story of two brothers – one who says no to his father, but goes to work and one who says yes but doesn't go to work. We are all guilty of behaving as the second son and saying that we will do something, but fail to do so. Our actions are more important than what we say. We may say that we show love and care to others, as Jesus taught us, but do our actions show this?

VOCATIONS MONTH

In October, the North Staffs Deanery will be praying for vocations. Vocations are God's calling to each of us. Some may be called to teaching, some to nursing, some to caring, some to family life and some to religious life. During October, we ask you to pray the following prayer:

Heavenly Father,
we ask you to send labourers
into your harvest.

Inspire, in the hearts of your people,
vocations to the priesthood, diaconate
and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,
so that those whom you call
have the courage to give themselves
to your Church in faith.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



COLLEGIATE FUNDRAISING

This term, our Collegiate is raising money for Dougie Mac. Many of you will have been touched by the work of Dougie Mac. I encountered first-hand the work of Dougie Mac when my mum spent her final days in the hospice and the only way to describe the staff there are as gifts from God. In order for Dougie Mac to provide the care that it does to a large number of people in our area, they rely heavily on donations and fundraising.

Our first fundraising activity will take place on Friday 13th October and it's one that I know is very popular – Splat the Teacher! Splats will be available at a cost of £2 per splat.

Our second fundraiser will take place on 17th November and will be a cake sale – details to follow.

Our final fundraiser will take place in the Summer Term as we will again be having a staff team running/walking the Potters 'Arf in aid of Dougie Mac. I will keep you updated!



PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Prayer to the Guardian Angel

Angel of God,
my guardian dear,
to whom God's love
commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard,
to rule and guide.
Amen.



DIARY DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

October – Vocations Month

Wednesday 4th October

3:20pm Class drop-in – please come along and see your child's class teacher and your child's work

3:30pm Closing date for Family Day bookings

Friday 6th October

Individual and sibling photos

11 – 12 Year 4 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

4 – 5pm Lionesses Collegiate football tournament @ Dimensions

Monday 9th October – Friday 13th October

Healthy Active Lifestyle Week

Monday 9th October

Family Day – please complete online booking form

Tuesday 10th October

World Mental Health Day

Thursday 12th October

7pm Combined Schools' Mass @ St Gregory's, Longton – details to follow

Friday 13th October

9am Year 4 class assembly – 2 places reserved per child

1:15 – 3:15pm Active Families workshop – please see separate letter

3:20pm Splat the teacher - £2 per splat



REMINDERS ...

Active Families Session

On Friday 13th October, we will be holding our annual Active Families Session. This is an opportunity for you to come along and learn some games that you can play with your child at home to get everyone active. Mr Sigley will be running the sessions and will share lots of games with you and your child. Please see separate letter.

Opportunities for Parents

We have lots of opportunities for parents to come along and work with their child in school. You have already received the dates of our Stay and Do Maths and Stay and Pray sessions, we have our Family Day planned for 9th October, we have our monthly drop-ins.

I am awaiting the Family Learning team to confirm some Family Learning sessions' dates, which I will of course inform you of.

We are also starting something new this year called Inspire sessions. Each class will hold an Inspire session during the year that parents will be invited to. During the session, parents will work with their child and then share in a prayer and liturgy as a class. Our first session will be for Year 1 families on Thursday 26th October from 8:50 – 11am (no need to book, just turn up).



Baby and Toddler Group

Our baby and toddler group started this week, so please spread the word and come along to join in the fun! Tuesdays 9 – 10am.



Monthly drop-in

Starting Wednesday 4th October, we will be holding class drop-in sessions on the first Wednesday of every month. This is an opportunity for you to speak to your child's class teacher and look at your child's work. You are of course still able to speak to your child's class teacher every day.

Parking

Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking in the local area.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

D. Farmer

Mrs. Farmer (Principal)

