



ST GEORGE AND ST MARTIN CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Weekly Newsletter - w.e. 24.11.23

Class Attendance this week ...

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| Nursery | 83.40% | Year 3 | 97.86% |
| Reception | 90.00% | Year 4 | 95.00% |
| Year 1 | 98.33% | Year 5 | 99.33% |
| Year 2 | 94.67% | Year 6 | 96.33% |

Congratulations!
YEAR 5 have the best attendance this week!



Class Attendance this year ...

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| Nursery | 93.05% | Year 3 | 97.69% |
| Reception | 94.77% | Year 4 | 96.31% |
| Year 1 | 95.74% | Year 5 | 97.21% |
| Year 2 | 97.43% | Year 6 | 96.67% |

Class Awards

Values & Virtues

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| Nursery - | Nariah Henry |
| Reception - | Gavin Okeke |
| Year 1 - | Maddison Nash |
| Year 2 - | Belvya Biju |
| Year 3 - | Jessica Ramos |
| Year 4 - | Arabella Galante |
| Year 5 - | Ben Saunders |
| Year 6 - | Emmy Wilbraham |

Reading

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| Nursery - | Milo Allen |
| Reception - | Uswah Haseeb |
| Year 1 - | Nella Crutchley |
| Year 2 - | Layton Allen |
| Year 3 - | Woody Hughes |
| Year 4 - | Sebastian Baura |
| Year 5 - | James Farmer |
| Year 6 - | Abigail Williams |

Headteacher

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| Nursery - | Nik Labuda |
| Reception - | Joshua Chijoke |
| Year 1 - | Reuben Soleimani |
| Year 2 - | Samuel Harding |
| Year 3 - | Heidi Simpson |
| Year 4 - | Ava-Rose Johnson-Hardy |
| Year 5 - | Darcy Doolan |
| Year 6 - | Chloe Gulasova |

Most Dojo's



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| Nursery - | Barborka Huostikova |
| Reception - | Prosper Omotosho |
| Year 1 - | Lily Barcroft |
| Year 2 - | Noah Eric-Famogun |
| Year 3 - | Ellis Affui |
| Year 4 - | Socrates Mutare |
| Year 5 - | Oba Eric-Famogun |
| Year 6 - | Zak Shamil |

Citizenship

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| Nursery - | Obiora Nwankwo |
| Reception - | Hendrix Johnson |
| Year 1 - | Emmie Barcroft |
| Year 2 - | Wilson Shaw |
| Year 3 - | Princess Rumbidzo |
| Year 4 - | Lennox Johnson |
| Year 5 - | Emmeline Lee |
| Year 6 - | Jacob Harding |



Staffing Update

I am so pleased to announce that Mrs Dean is expecting her second baby! She is due in April and we are very excited for her to add to her family.

Mrs Brownsword will be returning from maternity leave after February half term.



SHARP system

We have recently become a part of SHARP System. The SHARP system allows your child to make an **anonymous report about anything that is troubling them**. This can be personal, for example, they may be having difficulties with schoolwork, friendships or their mental well-being. The SHARP system can also be used for them to share a concern for someone else. The SHARP system can be accessed by following:

<https://sgsmnewman.thesharpsystem.com/admin>

Family Learning session

Our next family learning session takes place on Monday 27th November from 1:15 – 3:15pm. If you have booked on to this session, a place has been reserved for you. If you are now unable to make this, please let the school office know.

On Thursday 7th December, we have a Winter Crafts Family Learning session. This will take place from 9 – 11am and is for children and their family member in Year 1 or 2. Places will be limited to 13, so once numbers are reached the Microsoft form will close. Please book in by following the link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ff_X21JOLUqrNU74XKfvxHt7rKpnpEZGvU_RPolISf5UMFU5S0g1U0ZY_SFBXVjKxUEpNRVFRODdETy4u

Food Bank Collection

Don't forget, our Food Bank collection point accepts donations all year round.



Sunday's Gospel

A reading from the Gospel according to St Matthew

Jesus said to His disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, escorted by all the angels, then He will take His seat on His throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before Him and He will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on His right hand and the goats on His left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.' Then the virtuous will say to Him in reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?' And the King will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.' Next He will say to those on his left hand, 'Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.' Then it will be their turn to ask, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?' Then He will answer, 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.' "And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord

Matthew 25:31 - 46

Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King. In the Gospel, Jesus talks about what will happen at the end of time – when people will be separated. When questioned about how people will be sorted, He talks about those on the right side showing love and care for Him. We have heard before about whatever we do to others, we do to Jesus. Our patron Saint, Saint Martin showed this is his famous story of cutting his cloak in half. This week, think about the things that you do that show love and care for others.

Christmas Fayre

After a number of years of no Christmas Fayre, we will be back! Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Friday 8th December after school.

We are asking children to come in non-uniform on Friday 1st December and bring a donation of:

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| Nursery | Toys (new or used but must be in good condition) |
| Reception | Toys (new or used but must be in good condition) |
| Year 1 | Toiletries e.g. gift sets, hand cream, shower gel, perfume |
| Year 2 | Toiletries e.g. gift sets, hand cream, shower gel, perfume |
| Year 3 | Chocolates |
| Year 4 | Chocolates |
| Year 5 | Bottles (anything in a bottle e.g. juice, shampoo, wine etc) |
| Year 6 | Bottles (anything in a bottle e.g. juice, shampoo, wine etc) |



We are also requesting any donations of:

- Unwanted gifts (unopened)
- Books (in good condition)
- Stationery e.g. pens, pencils, note books
- Cakes/biscuits



Diary Dates for the Next Two Weeks ...

Sunday 26th November

9:30am Family Mass – all welcome. Children wanting to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation must attend (these children must wear school uniform)

Monday 27th November

1:15 – 3:15pm Family learning session – Super Tato for families of children in Y3 and 4

Thursday 30th November

9:15am Whole-school Mass – all welcome to attend

Friday 1st December

Non-uniform day in aid of Christmas Fayre

9am Year 1 class assembly – 2 places reserved per child

Sunday 3rd December

First Sunday of Advent

Monday 4th December

11 – 12 Year 1 visit Northwood Day Care Centre

Tuesday 5th December

9 – 12 Year 3 visit St Margaret Ward

Wednesday 6th December

3:20 – 3:30pm Class drop-in – all welcome

Thursday 7th December

9 – 11am Family Learning – Winter Crafts for Year 1 and 2

Friday 8th December

9am Reception class assembly – 2 places reserved per child

3pm Christmas Fayre



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.

Last week, we held our cake sale in aid of Dougie Mac. This raised £77! Thank you so much to all of those who sent in cake donations and those who came along and bought our cakes. A special thank you to our Catholic Life leaders for running our stall.



During our assembly led by Dougie Mac, the ladies shared with us another 'fundraising' activity. They have asked us to do 'Bring a Toy' to school. This doesn't have to be a new toy, it can be a toy or book that your child no longer uses that can then be taken to one of the Dougie Mac charity shops and sold on. Not only does this raise money for Dougie Mac, but it also stops toys ending up in landfill and so helps towards us looking after our planet. The ladies also said that old clothing could also be brought. Please only donate items that are in good condition and can be used again.

Please bring any items in from Monday 11th December



School Uniform

As we are coming into the colder months, please ensure your child has outdoor PE kit – navy joggers, and navy hoody (this DOES NOT have to be branded). Children cannot wear their burgundy school jumpers and cardigans for PE.

A reminder that girls should be wearing white socks or grey tights. Black socks and tights are not part of our school uniform.

All Key Stage 2 children should either have a clip-on tie, or a 'proper' tie. Key Stage 2 children cannot wear an elastic tie.



Park & Stride

I'd like to remind all parents that there is the Park and Stride initiative operating for our school. Parents are allowed to park at Forest Park, or Northwood Stadium for free of charge. You simply need to complete a form to receive a permit. If you are interested, please call in at the school office.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

D. Farmer

Mrs. Farmer (Principal)

