



St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Marnhull

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Rights Respecting Schools Award launch last Thursday. The children and teachers did a great job to explain the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and what some of the articles are all about. We will now be working towards achieving our Recognition of Commitment and then level 1 of the award.

You should have received home on Thursday, a copy of the letter from myself and Louise Huxley (Chair of Governors) about the class reorganisation this term and next. If you have not received a copy of the letter, please contact the school office. If you have any questions about the class reorganisation, I would be more than happy to talk to you about it.

Best wishes
Mrs Herrera (Headteacher)

Catholic Children's Society Annual Appeal – Reminder

Don't forget that we are collecting the following which can be placed in the orange collection box outside the office :

- Postage stamps (any country) – please leave a half cm border around each one.
- Coins and bank notes – any currency
- Postcards
- Metal badges, keys, watches

The money raised will help needy families and children in the diocese.

Children in Need

Everyone did a fantastic job with their spotty outfits recently to celebrate Children in Need. We also had an enormous amount of cakes to sell and many thanks to everyone who provided these. The cakes were sold to the children at break time and parents after school. The money from this and with the donations for spotty gear, came to a magnificent £217.41



Free School Meals

Are you entitled to claim Free School Meals but are not registered? It would be great if as many parents as possible were registered for Free School Meals before January as this entitles the schools to additional funding. The school office holds information about eligibility. You would also need to register with the Local Authority, which is a straightforward process. And your children don't have to have the free school meals if they prefer packed lunches!

Help still needed

We are still looking for somebody to set up and run the lights for our Christmas performances. Would you be able to help us with this? If you are then please get in touch with Mrs Blake.



Carol Singing

Mrs Blake is currently putting together the final details for the school choir to go carol singing around the village. This will be held on **Friday 9 December**, so please keep the date free in your diary. A letter will be sent home shortly with the details, however children taking part will need a responsible adult with them.

Christmas Performances

These will be on:
Tuesday 13 December (afternoon) and
Wednesday 14 December (evening).

Tickets will be available shortly and will be limited to 2 per family in order to comply with fire regulations.



Industrial Action

You will have received a letter last week, letting you know that we will be open on Wednesday 30 November and to date, this is still the case.

We have received one or two requests from parents/carers, asking if older siblings can come into school on that day to help. Unfortunately we are unable to fulfil such requests.

Rights Respecting Schools Award Launch

This took place last Thursday, when Mrs Blake outlined what being a Rights Respecting School would look like. Children from each class shared their class charters and each class illustrated one of the Articles from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Well done to Julia Jaskolka in Year 4 and Cieran Abbott in Year 2 who won the competition to design a poster around one of the UN Articles. They both received certificates and prizes, along with certificates for the runners up.

Everyone signed our Rights Respecting sheet pledging their commitment to the work to become a Rights Respecting School. If you have not signed it and would like to, please speak to the school office staff. This will then be displayed in the school.

Christmas Lunch

The PTFA has very kindly agreed to pay for each child to have a hot Christmas Lunch on Thursday 15 December. Please complete the slip below and return it no later than Friday 2 December to confirm that you would like your child/ren to be provided with a lunch.

PTFA CHRISTMAS LUNCH – Thursday 15 December 2011

I *do/do not wish my child/ren to be provided with a hot Christmas Lunch.

Child/ren's name(s)	Class	Tick if vegetarian meal required

Signed : Date:
(Parent/carers)

*delete whichever does not apply