



Margaret Roper Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

So, we have had the first week of term, and what a lovely week it has been! It was so delightful to see all the children back and so happy to see their friends and teachers. There's a lovely feel around the school, of excitement for learning, of shared purpose and friendliness. I am very lucky to work here.

We welcomed our new Reception pupils this week and they have settled brilliantly – Y6 were delighted to be able to do all the meeting and greeting and I've found loads of excuses to visit the Reception classroom this week; mainly just to enjoy the company of the children. Welcome to all our parents who are new to our school and to all our new children in other year groups. We hope you've had a happy first week and made new friends.

Our PTA will be running a coffee morning on Monday 20th September, the first day our Reception children start full-time. All Reception parents are cordially invited to join us in the Pannett Classroom after drop off, and any new parents from other year groups as well. You don't have to stay long if you are rushing off, but it would be really nice to see you.

We are meeting with Canon John on Monday to discuss our programme for masses and liturgies for the year. Following this I will be in a position to publish a list of diary dates. The most important means of communication in school is the newsletter, however, so please make sure you read it and keep up to date; I know it can be hard when you receive so much email.

Ancient saying: 'There are people who make things happen, there are people who watch things happen, and there are people who ask "What happened?"'

Medication

Please ensure that necessary medication such as EpiPens, Piriton and Asthma pumps are bought in to school with your child as soon as possible. We are aware from our medical lists that a number of children in different classes have not got the medication of forms that are required. It is vital that this is done for Safeguarding reasons. A new medical form for this academic year must be filled out before handing the medication in to the school office. If you have any queries please email the school office.

Clubs

I attach to this newsletter a matrix showing the extra-curricular clubs planned for this term. These commence next week. Please take the time to read this carefully and to follow the instructions for booking. I hope all the information is clear, but it can seem a bit complicated.

Google Classroom

Google classrooms are being transferred to the new year groups and your child's teacher will be issuing your child with a class code for their new classroom for this year. This should happen in the next few days. We will send out an explanatory letter to you to help you.

Food Allergies – High importance

Please be aware that our policy on packed lunches is extremely explicit on ensuring that packed lunch items containing nuts, seeds (such as sesame) and other items like Nutella (Clue is in the name) are not brought into school. For some of our children the consequences are extremely serious and they don't even have to be close to the product – a trace amount can trigger an anaphylactic response. Please be careful.

School uniform

Please remember to label all uniform. Today, after school, we had 4 jumpers, 4 cardigans and a tracksuit top, all unnamed and all from this week, we think. See the photo below of me pulling out what little hair I have left!

No Earrings. Hair to be tied back properly. Hair bobbles in school colours. Uniform is important.

Flu Vaccine – The NHS Nursing team will be visiting Margaret Roper on the 24th November to administer the nasal flu vaccine to all pupils. A letter is attached to this newsletter. It is strongly encouraged that you take up the vaccination This helps protect pupils in our school, all families, and the community as a whole. It just takes a simple consent form that is accessed with a couple of clicks. Please open the attachment and read the letter which has an embedded link to the consent. The link is also copied below:

[Nasal Flu Vaccination Consent | Vaccination \(verseonecloud.com\)](https://www.verseonecloud.com)

Swimming and PE

Pupils should come into school on PE days in their PE kit.

The PE day for each class is:

Monday	Year 4
Tuesday	Rec Year 1
Wednesday	Year 2 Year 3 Year 6
Thursday	Year 5

Year One and Two commence swimming on Monday and will need their swimming kit.

Assisted Dying Bill – a letter from the Bishops Conference.

I have been asked by the Bishop's Conference to include a link to the open letter from Bishop John Sherrington related to the Assisted Dying Bill that is to be debated in October. I encourage you to read it.

[Bishop's Open Letter on Assisted Dying Bill - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](https://www.cbcew.org.uk)

Dogs – I know it might not be our dogs, but there is lots of dog mess in the alleyway. Please make sure that you are responsible dog owner.

This week's attendance awards are as follows:

Y2 - 100% punctuality & attendance - a double whammy, well done

Y3 - 100% punctuality - well done!

The children were asked in assembly this morning what they had enjoyed most this week – here's what a few of them said:

I've enjoyed the book we have started reading together in class
I enjoyed the art work. We got to draw self-portraits in charcoal and gave compliments to each other.
I enjoyed seeing everyone coming back to school and being back with my class.
I enjoyed meeting my new teachers and seeing my friends again
I have enjoyed playing with friends again at break and lunchtimes
I have really liked the Picasso art work that we have done and meeting my friends.
I enjoyed including my personality in my work.
I enjoyed the maths and meeting new people.

Attachments

Lunchtime supervisor ad attached – We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. If you know anyone who might be interested, friends or family, please let them know.

Nasal Flu letter – As trailed above. Action required.

School Meals promotion – Making friends menu - Its tasty, tasty, very very tasty.

Rugby Flyer – Interested in a new challenge?

Have a lovely weekend.

D Mooney

Stressed from Purley contemplating the new 'jumper mountain'

