



# newsletter



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## Mothering Sunday Mass

This term's School/Parish Mass will be held on Mothering Sunday – Sunday 31st March 2019 at 9.00 a.m. at Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Guildhall Street. The children will be doing the readings, the bidding prayers, the offertory procession and leading the hymns. We do hope to see lots of families there to support their children and to join us in the celebration. If you're a mum, you'll get some daffodils too!

## Parents' Evenings

It was wonderful to see so many parents earlier in the month for Parents Evening appointments. Overleaf you will find a copy of the collated responses from our Parent Questionnaire. We are delighted with the hugely positive response and feedback. Feedback taken on these forms is most useful and helps us to improve the school such as last years' comments about homework policy and After School clubs/provision. These changes are now running successfully at the school. We therefore thank you for your helpful suggestions and rest assured they are listened to.

## Easter Assemblies

Our Easter Assemblies this year are as follows:-

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 10 a.m.** Imps, Pixies and Elves – The Palm Sunday story.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10 a.m.**

Hobbits and Dragons – the Maundy Thursday Story

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 10 a.m.**

Griffins and Unicorns – the Good Friday story.

## Lenten Fund Raising

Lent is a time when we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Easter – and one of the ways we do this is through 'almsgiving': raising money for others who are less fortunate than ourselves. During Lent this year, we have decided to raise money for Mind and Evelina.

Don't forget we also have the Food Bank that The Sunshine Team have organised to be in the school hall at all times. This is an ideal way of continuing to give little and often to those in need. If you can spare any items on a weekly or monthly basis, please send them in with your child.



## Lent Breakfast & Pj Day

Our Lent Breakfast and PJ day will be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March from 8.00 a.m. As ever, this will be great value for money, good fun and a brilliant way to start the day.

We will be serving the usual breakfast (cereals, sausages, beans, toast and a drink – milk, tea or coffee) and the event is open to all the children **and their families**. Tickets cost £3 each and all the money raised will go to the Lent fundraising campaign. Please complete the form overleaf and return to the School Office.

Children are invited to come to school dressed in their pyjamas and dressing gowns instead of their school uniform. Please ensure the children have suitable footwear as they will still have playtimes and lunchtime outside! The fine for spending the day in their pyjamas is £1 – again, all money raised will go to the Lent fundraising.

## TERM DATES

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Dragons trip – Temper Temper
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole Class Photos
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Hobbits outing to The Grand to enjoy a treat
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Imps trip - Wildwood
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Breakfast and PJ day
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2019	School Parish Mass – Our Lady Help of Christians – 9.00 a.m.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Story Assemblies – see notes
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Break up for Easter Holidays at 2.30 p.m.
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Return to school

## Stella Maris Website

Over the past few months, we have worked hard to improve the school website. This now has many new areas such as Extra Curricular Clubs, Catholic Life, Classes & Curriculum. Each week, the 'Class Newsletters' will be put onto the website for ease of access for parents. If you have not looked at the site in a while, we would encourage you to do so. The School Office is often a very busy place and therefore you may like to look on the school website/ourschoolsapp if you have a question in the first instance. Of course, if you cannot find your answer, you are always welcome to speak to Mrs Barham or Mrs Tidd.

PARENTS' EVENING - MARCH 2019												
	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Strongly agree/Agree	Disagree/Strongly disagree	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Strongly agree/Agree	Disagree/Strongly disagree
My child is happy at this school	59	9			100%	0%	5				100%	0%
My child feels safe at this school.	60	8			100%	0%	5				100%	0%
My child makes good progress at this school	56	13			100%	0%	4	1			100%	0%
My child is well looked after at this school	57	12			100%	0%	5				100%	0%
My child is taught well at this school.	56	13			100%	0%	4	1			100%	0%
My child receives appropriate homework for his/her age	48	20	1		99%	1%	4	1			100%	0%
This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	48	21			100%	0%	4	1			100%	0%
This school deals effectively with bullying.	45	26	1		99%	1%	3	2			100%	0%
This school is well led and managed	53	16			99%	0%	5				100%	0%
This school responds well to any concerns I raise.	54	15			100%	0%	5				100%	0%
I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress.	49	18	1		100%	1%	4	1			100%	0%
	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Strongly agree/Agree	Disagree/Strongly disagree	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Strongly agree/Agree	Disagree/Strongly disagree
The school offers a distinctively Catholic education	41	28			100%	0%	3	2			100%	0%
There are good links between parents and the school	52	16	1		99%	1%	4	1			100%	0%
There are good links between the school and nearby parishes	43	26			100%	0%	5				100%	0%
There are good opportunities for worship	46	23			100%	0%	5				100%	0%
The children develop a good sense of right and wrong	49	20			100%	0%	4	1			100%	0%
The children develop in their personal relationships	50	19			100%	0%	5				100%	0%
The children develop responsible attitudes towards society	52	17			100%	0%	5				100%	0%
The children develop in their spiritual life	46	23			100%	0%	5				100%	0%
The children make good progress in religious education	46	23			100%	0%	5				100%	0%
	Yes	No										
I would recommend this school to another parent.	69	0			100%	0%					100%	0%

### Lent Breakfast

Please send  tickets for breakfast on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March**. I enclose

Children's names: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's classes \_\_\_\_\_