



# St Margaret's Anfield

Church of England Primary School

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Newsletter—Friday 19th November 2021

## MESSAGE FROM MR GRIFFITHS

Dear Parents and carers,

We have updated our Upcoming Special Dates page on our website with some more events! Children will be bringing a copy of this home with them today/Monday.

We have had a great end to this week with our fundraising for BBC Children in Need. There are some great photos of the children and staff taking part. Thank you everyone for making such a fantastic effort today!

We are having an Open Evening next week on Tuesday 23rd November for any families who has children due to start Reception in September 2022. This evening is also open to families who do not attend SMA and if you do know of anyone please invite them along. There will be an opportunity to speak with Mrs Cavanagh of the school office about how to apply for your child's reception place as well as a tour of the school.

Stay safe and have a lovely weekend,

Mr Griffiths

## BBC CHILDREN IN NEED—FRIDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2021



## UPDATING YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

Please ensure you do contact school to let us know if your contact details have changed. You can do this via the Parent App, email [admin@st-margaretsanfield.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-margaretsanfield.liverpool.sch.uk), call 0151 260 5522 or call into the school office.

## ABSENCE REPORTING

Please ensure you do report your child's absence as early as possible. Our office team are available from 8am each morning on 0151 260 5522, or you can use the Absence Reporting option on the Parent App or email [admin@st-margaretsanfield.liverpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-margaretsanfield.liverpool.sch.uk). It is important that you do report your child's absence.

Failure to report an absence will result in this being unauthorised. If a child records 3 or more absences this will automatically be discussed with the Education Welfare Officer, who may consider taking further action. This could include a Penalty Notice, Fines and/or Court Proceedings.

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### BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast club opens at 8am each day and all children are welcome. The cost of this is £1 per day and for children to attend breakfast club, they do need to arrive no later than 8.30am.

### MEDICAL/EXTERNAL APPOINTMENTS

When your child has an external appointment you need to inform school as soon as you receive the letter or email. School will need a copy of this document as proof of the appointment. Your child will still be able to attend school **before and after the appointment**. Please always discuss this with the office team to help you plan. The earlier we know about any appointments the easier it is to ensure your child will be ready for you to collect them.

For emergency appointments, you will be able to ask the provider for proof of appointment whilst in attendance and pass this into the office the following day.

### YEAR 7 ADMISSIONS—REMINDER

Applications has now **closed on 31st October 2021**. You must ensure that you apply for your child's senior school place as soon as possible. If you have missed this deadline you will need to apply through the late applications page on the council website. Please visit <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/closing-date/year-7-late-applications/>

### RECEPTION AND NURSERY ADMISSIONS—REMINDER

The Liverpool City Council admissions website is **open** for you to apply for your child's Reception place to start in September 2022. If your child turns 4 between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2021 this is your time to apply. You can find the website here <https://liverpool.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/how-to-apply/>

The closing date for applications for Reception 2022 is **15th January 2022**. Please do not hesitate to speak to our admin team if you have any questions.

We do still have limited places in our Nursery and Reception classes to start this year. If your child turned 4 before 31st August 2021 they should have started in Reception. If your child has turned 3 or is due to turn 3 this year you can enquire about a nursery place. Please speak with the admin office if you require a place or would like any advice with regards to application.

### COVID—IMPORTANT REMINDER

We are still following Covid Guidance. If your child or a member of your household becomes symptomatic, please ensure you follow the guidance and obtain a PCR test as soon as possible.

**You only need to let school know if it is your child that has symptoms.** You will need to keep your child off school until you receive the results of the test.

Once you have the results please contact the school and we will advise you further. If the PCR test comes back Positive please advise us immediately. If this is out of hours please use the email address **covid@st-margaretsanfield.liverpool.sch.uk**.

It is advised that the household will need to obtain PCR tests if a member of the household has tested positive for Covid.

This will help to keep the virus under control and protect family members, friends and the SMA community.

We are still continuing to monitor our Covid reporting email: **covid@st-margaretsanfield.liverpool.sch.uk** Please **do not delay in informing the school email**. This will allow us to work with families to contact trace where necessary.

Should you need to alert the school of a pupil positive case please email the school's Covid team immediately after you receive your positive result. Please provide the following details:

- Pupil Name
- Pupil Date of Birth
- Pupil Class
- Full Address including postcode
- Date of test result

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### FREE SCHOOL MEALS APPLICATION

If your circumstances have changed which has effected your income or you are in receipt of certain benefits you can apply for Free School Meals. Please go to <https://liverpool.gov.uk/benefits/free-school-meals/application-form/#> for more information and to apply. Once you have applied please contact the school office if you are eligible.

### SIMS PAY/Pay 360

We encourage all of our parents to use this system for payments of Breakfast Club and Dinner Money. If you have any queries please contact the school office and ask for Mrs Cave. You can continue to pay by cash or card at the office if this is your preferred method of payment. The best thing about Pay360 is that you can see your balance at all times so you know exactly where you are up to with payments.

### CHURCH NOTICES

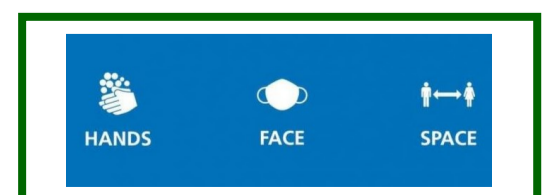
Please keep an eye out on our website for news and notices from St Margaret Anfield Church. You can find them here:- <https://stmargaretsanfield.co.uk/church-links/>

### PE DAYS REMINDER

In addition to the PE Days in place Year 2 classes will now also need their PE kits on Mondays!

### PARENT APP

Each week we re-invite any of our parents/carers who are not actively using the Parent App. The invites come through by email and may go into your Junk folder. The invite has all of the information on how to download the app and sign up. If you are unsure please contact the school office and ask for Mrs Cave who will be able to help you get online with us!





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### Special Upcoming Dates



Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November - Foundation Stage Open Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm - Any families with children in Nursery or starting school in September 2022 are invited - Mrs Cavanagh from the office will be available to give support and guidance for applications - if you know of any families that do not attend SMA that would like to attend please let them know to come along!

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November - St Andrew's Day - Wear something Blue!

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Parents' Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas Raffle opens - raffle tickets on sale

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December - Festive Friday! - own clothes day and Bake Off competition!

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Dinner Day wearing Christmas clothes/Party clothes

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery Nativity - Am and Pm performances

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carols - 9.15am and 2.00pm performances

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Infant Nativity - 10.00am and 2.00pm performances

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas film night for all children - 3.00 - 4.30pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carols - 9.15am and 2.00pm performances

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Nativity - 10.00am performance

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Grotto Day! - Raffle will also be drawn

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Party Day!

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery last day of term finish at 3.30pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December - 1.15pm finish for the end of term

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Return to school after the Christmas Break

\*All of the above events are subject to local authority guidance regarding Covid