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St Margaret Mary Catholic Primary School NEWSLETTER

End of Term Assessments

Children throughout the school have been undertaking End of Term Assessments over the course of last week and this week.

Attendance and reports

- A reminder that 95% attendance is average for primary school children.
- Below 90% attendance is poor attendance as it means a child is missing an average of $\frac{1}{2}$ a day EVERY WEEK. This is too much learning to miss.
- If you want help managing and improving your child's attendance then please see Miss Boileau or Mr Wilkins.

The Government reports: There is clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement. Of pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school, only 35% achieve 5 or more GCSEs at grades A* to C including English and maths. But 73% of pupils who attend 95% of school achieve this.

SCHOOL REPORTS ARE GOING OUT AT THE END OF NEXT WEEK. Please look out for them. As always, we welcome all reply slips back, with your comments.

YEAR FOUR RESIDENTIAL

Year Four go to Lockerbie Manor this weekend for a residential experience. I am sure they will be a credit to the school. Many thanks to Mrs Cook, Mrs Hull and Shaun who are giving up their weekend to make this trip possible for the children.

PASCHE EGG COMPETITION

Children are invited to bring in a decorated egg for our Easter Egg competition. Please bring into school on Thursday 26th March, to be judged on Friday 27th March.

SVP

We have been asked to support the work of the SVP in our Parish. If you are able to donate any sweets, tins or packets of food then they will be distributed to those in need locally. There will be a box in the School Entrance Hall for donations.

Easter Egg Raffle

Raffle tickets are now being sold in school at break times for our annual Easter Egg Raffle - tickets 10p each. The raffle will take place on Friday 27th March.

Reminder

We break up next Friday 27th March and return to school on Monday 13th April.

PTA Family Bingo Night

Thursday 26th March 5.30-7.30pm in the School Hall.

School Website

Useful information can be found at www.smmcatholicprimary.co.uk or on our School Facebook page.