

# St Margaret's C.E.P. School

## Newsletter

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**Monday 5th September**

**Issue No: 1**

### Welcome!

Well as I write this, the beautiful summer weather continues and it's hard to believe that we are embarking on the autumn term. I do hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy the summer break. A very warm welcome to our new families most of which are joining Russet Class. As we start a new academic year, I would like to set the scene. We are continuing to expect the very best presentation from all pupils. We are also focusing on editing and improving written work as well as accurate spelling. We are also wishing to further develop self discipline within the pupils where they take ownership of both their learning and behaviour. Certificates will be issued on a regular basis to pupils, who through their own self determination, display a willingness to work hard and behave well. We also want to ensure that pupils attend school on time and they come to school in uniform which adheres to the uniform policy. When the weather turns for winter, please ensure that appropriate foot wear is worn. The uniform policy states 'black shoes'. Therefore boots, fluffy or otherwise are inappropriate.

In summary, we continue to strive to be outstanding in both SIAMS which we achieved in June 2013 and also in a future OFSTED inspection. Children achieved very well last academic year with results better than the national average in phonics testing in Year 1, Key-Stage 1 SATS and Key-Stage 2 SATS. An excellent achievement

and all pupils past and present should be immensely proud. We now want our pupils to independently strive for excellence in their work, their conduct and their appearance. Your continued support with this goal will be most appreciated.

### Breakfast Club

From today, it's up and running! Please come to the office if you are interested in booking a child in.

### Rev Paul Kish

On Wednesday 21st September (time TBC), the Rev Paul Kish will be installed as the new vicar for the Benefice. The service will take place in Yalding church. Everyone is welcome to attend.

### Harvest Festival

Our first church service of this academic year will take place on Friday 30th September starting at 9.15am to celebrate Harvest. Our Harvest produce will be donated to Maidstone Day Centre in Knightrider Street, who continue to support homeless people in the Maidstone area, along with an increasing number of families who need food parcels which are then distributed throughout the Maidstone Borough Council district. Donations of food and toiletries are most welcome from Friday 23rd and can be brought to the hall.

### Diary

From tomorrow, unannounced 'Late Gate' checks carried out by myself/ Attendance Service

Wed 7th 1.30pm Music for School demonstration for KS 2 pupils

Thurs 8th PESE (11+) testing all day. Swimming starts for Bramley class.

Fri 9th Peer Mediation Assembly

Mon 12th Year R parent consultations

Wed 14th 2.00pm New parents FOCSS Afternoon Tea. 3.20pm Music for Schools meeting for parents of children who are interested.

Mon 19th Clubs start—letter to follow

Fri 23rd Harvest produce can be donated from today

Thurs 29th Family Trust Assembly

Fri 30th 9.15am Harvest Service. Refreshments served from 8.55am

W.b. 17th October—Open Evenings—separate letter to be issued.

Fri 21st PE Skills Day—Separate letter to be issued. End of term 1.

October holiday Mon 24th—Fri 28th.

Mon 31st Oct Staff Development Day—school shut for pupils

Tues 1st Nov Start of term 2

### Forward Planning.....

For those of you with children in Russet and Pippin Class, the Christmas Nativity Plays will take place at 2.00pm on Tues 13th and Wed 14th December (apologies for mentioning Christmas!!)

Although at an early stage, we are developing a welcome area outside the school office. Along with the new library, both improvements will be completed later this term.