

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

Friday 14th October

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An enormous Crocodile

You may have seen the crocodile which forms part of the Roald Dahl display in the welcome area. Congratulations go to Sam Tolley who created this impressive costume as part of our dressing up day. His Mum took a picture of it, sent it into a national competition and he won first prize! Sam will now be enjoying family tickets to a theatre performance of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as well as a goodie bag. Well done Sam!

A new award

As part of our focus on children developing independence and doing the right thing without adult intervention or encouragement, a certificate was selected from the entries we received and a design by Rebecca Segdwick was successful. The School Council discussed the purpose of this initiative and fed back to their individual classes. I am delighted to report that following several children's recommendations (it is the children who nominate), Alice Gardiner in Year 5 was awarded the first certificate in recognition of her displaying friendship towards her peers and also showing respect and care for school equipment. Clearly Alice has displayed these acts widely as she only joined us in September.

PE Skills Day

A letter and sponsor form was recently issued. This will take place on Friday 21st and the whole school will start with walking/running around the Parish field. Parents are most welcome to join us

and provide encouragement.

Secondary Schools

A reminder to parents of Year 6 that on-line applications for secondary school entry in September 2017 need to have been submitted by 31st October.

FOCSS

Following the recent AGM, I am delighted to report that all officers' posts were filled and that committee member numbers have increased. Many thanks to all involved. Preparations are underway for the Christmas Fair which takes place on Saturday 3rd December.

Website

Further information has recently been added to the website mainly under the safeguarding tab which can be found under 'Information.'

Uniform

The Governing Body and I are grateful for the parental support for our uniform policy and I'm especially pleased at the smartness of our eldest pupils currently. After the October holiday, we will be following the guidelines for winter uniform.

Forthcoming events

Wed 19th Open Evening (early)

Thurs 20th Open Evening (late)

Fri 21st PE Skills Day. Break up for October holiday

Mon 24th–Fri 28th Oct–holiday

Mon 31st Staff Development Day—school shut for pupils

Tues 1st Nov Children return to school. 8.00pm FOCSS meeting

Thurs 3rd Family Trust leading wor-

ship

Mon 7th Author Kate O'Hearn in school working alongside various classes

Tues 8th 1.30–3.00pm School Nursing Team available for individual parental appointment—pls come to the office to book a time.

Wed 16th Open Day. Please join us for part of the day. Guides will take you around the school. Further details below.

Fri 18th Father Paul Kish leading worship. School Nurse in for Yrs 1-3 (Separate letter to be issued)

Sat 3rd Dec 2-4pm Christmas Fair

Friday 9th Clubs finish

Tues 13th/Wed 14th 2.00pm Key-Stage 1 Nativity

Thurs 15th Last swim for Bramley class for term 2

Mon 19th Class Christmas Parties

Tues 20th PM Bramley Class singing at Staplehurst Nursing Home

Wed 21st 9.15am Christmas Carol Service. 10.30am Family Trust Christmas Panto. End of term

Thursday 5th Jan Children return

Open Day Arrangements

Although parents are welcome from 9.00–11.45 and 1.30–3.00pm, you may be interested to know that the following are taking place: 9.00am Phonics session for Year R parents in Russet Class, 9.05 Music Time in the hall, 10.45 Spanish in Bramley and at 2.30pm Russet Class and at 2.45pm Pippin Class performing dances in the hall.