

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

## Newsletter

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Tuesday 20th December

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### FOCSS

I would like to thank FOCSS for such a successful first term as a newly formed committee. The Christmas Fair raised a very considerable £2381. With the additional sales after school and the nativities, £2663 has been raised in the last 2 weeks. This is only possible with such generosity from you; thank you.

### Swimming

Congratulations to the children listed below for achieving the following swimming distances:

15m—Mia, William H

25m—Wilfred, Hermione, James

50m—Rufus, Teddy, Amelia, Jo-laife

100m—Hugh, Connie, Emily, Harriet, Beatrice, Oscar, Elliott, Sadie

200m Skye, Amie, Freya, Lenny, Jacob

400m Maisie, Clara, Lily

600m—Nicky, Sonny, Georgie, Nancy

800m -Evie and Eva

### Attendance

As we approach a third of the way through the academic year, attendance data is as follows:

Russet 97.8% Pippin 96.1%  
Bramley 97.4% Discovery 96.7%

Congratulations to Russet Class.

### Sharing Assemblies

Every other week, we hold a sharing assembly where all the classes have the opportunity to hear about and view some of the fantastic

work being created across the school. Last week we had a particularly impressive range of work created at both school and for homework. Bramley class were given the task of researching Diwali. Jacob, Oscar and Rufus came up with 3 very different but equally effective ways of presenting the information including a Diwali light festival and a short video. In addition to those we also had a double sided Winter Wonderland scene created by Russet Class which included different silhouettes of deciduous and ever green trees. Discovery class verbally shared their highlights of the Anglo Saxon day held recently. Below is a written commentary.....

*On the 7<sup>th</sup> of December KS2 took part in a topic based event. Pupils dressed in costumes of either Anglo Saxons or Vikings. The day started with a traditional Viking game called Hnefatfal: to play you needed to have two players and two different coloured counters, 24 for one colour and 13 for another. The king's counter is a different colour to both sets. The defenders go on the squares shown by spears and the attackers go in the squares shown by swords. To get a player out you must sandwich two counters together. After this fun activity four people were sent to do some cooking. Whilst they did so the rest of the class went to the new classroom to collect as many instruments as possible. Next we participated in the 'The Frost Giant'. We were told we had to compose a particular verse of music. Our group had to do volcanoes. It started off with a rhythm from 'Jaws'. Then there was one crash on the symbols and it all became faster. After a while everything stopped after three crashes on the symbols. Then a tinkle from some chimes.*

*Later, in the afternoon, KS2 took part in a variety of different topic based events such as Anglo Saxon and Viking based word puzzles and quizzes, designing shields and of course eating! The groups that made food with Mrs Stewart created: a traditional borough, griddle cakes, cream cheese oat biscuits and blackberry tarts.*

By Charlotte and Olivia.

### Staplehurst Manor

This afternoon, Bramley class entertained the residents by singing a range of modern and traditional carols. Thanks to Miss Harrison for organising this event and to the parents who provided transport.

### Christmas Tree

Our Christmas tree was again donated by the Stevens family who run Homewood Orchard Garden Centre in East Farleigh. We are most grateful.

### The Sleepy Shepherd

Well done to our younger children for two lovely nativity performances last week. You should all be very proud. Thank you to parents for providing some lovely outfits as well as all the staff for preparing the children.

### Carol Service

Tomorrow our end of term Carol Service starts at 9.15am. Refreshments will be served from 8.55am. Everyone is most welcome.

**Finally**, on behalf of governors and staff, may I wish you all a very happy and restful Christmas break. Children return to school on Thursday 5th January 2017.