

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

Monday 9th January

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Welcome back...

A very happy new year to everyone. Although its probably a distant memory, I do hope you had a Christmas where there was the opportunity to relax and recharge those batteries! On behalf of all the staff, including myself, thank you for all the cards, messages and gifts we received.



New Year Resolutions

Last Friday, as a whole community we discussed new year resolutions which could impact on our school. Two suggestions particularly caught my attention! They were:

To continue to ensure handwriting is as neat as possible

To learn our times tables

The first one is obviously something we have been working on as a school for some time. The second is critical. These are the expectations laid down for timetables:

By the end of Year 2, children to know their 2,5 and 10 timetables and the associated division facts e.g. $35/5=7$

By the end of Year 3, children should know their 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 tables and associated facts

By the end of Year 4, all timetables and facts up to 12.

We then spend Year 5 and 6 either practising up to 12 with increasing speed or introduce tables beyond 12. Your support with this im-

portant aspect of maths would be very beneficial. Help us make it a really successful resolution!

Diary

Tues 10th Jan 8pm FOCSS meeting

Fri 13th please return replies about the church service by today (letter issued via children last Friday)

Mon 16th Clubs start. Discovery Class receiving E-safety talk from the local PCSO

Thurs 19th Family Trust leading worship

Fri 20th Year 6 visiting St. John's, Maidstone for ADAD

Thurs 2nd School discos

Fri 3rd Feb 9.15am School attending rehearsal at St. Margaret's Church

Sunday 5th 11.00am School Service at St. Margaret's

Tues 7th Safer Internet Day. Open Evening 3.15–6.00pm

Wed 8th Open Evening 5.30–8.00pm

Fri 10th End of term 3

Mon 13th–Fri 17th Holiday

Mon 20th Children return to school.

Fri 24th FOCSS Quiz Night

Wed 1st March Year 6 receive their secondary school allocations.

More dates to be added in future newsletters....

Reminder about admissions to Yr R

If anyone has a sibling due to start school in September, a reminder that the deadline to apply is fast approaching on Monday 16th January.

Applications to be made at www.kent.gov.uk/ola

Internet safety

Last week the Children's Commis-



sioner had quite a bit to say about the implications of the internet especially the sharing of data for children and their understanding of the internet. She also added however that the internet was 'an incredible force for good.' As the Designated Safeguarding Lead, I would agree but together we have to continue to educate our children about the pros and cons. We have recently added more useful links on to our website under the 'safeguarding' and then 'internet' tab. The 'Thinkuknow' is particularly useful. We also have the PCSO coming to talk to Discovery Class next Monday in preparation for marking Internet Safety Day.

Bower Grove Parent Support

Bower Grove have sent though their latest details of meetings they are running. These include a Mindfulness Talk on Friday 13th January. Further details are in the noticeboard.

Finally.....Coats

The weather is forecast to turn much colder later this week. Please ensure your child has a warm waterproof coat in school every day. Thank you.