

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

## Newsletter

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**Friday 17th March**

**Issue No: 10**

### FOCSS

By all accounts, the recent Quiz Evening was very successful raising an impressive £375 by FOCSS. Thank you to all involved.

A sub-committee have recently held their first meeting focusing on the Pet Show! It may seem a long time until Saturday 24th June but preparations are under way.

Before that however, is the Easter Egg Hunt after school and this year there will be art activities, probably held in the hall. This takes place on Wednesday 29th straight after school.

### Maidstone Recorder Festival

This evening following rehearsals, pupils will be performing at Cornwallis Academy for the annual recorder festival. I wish them well and would also like to extend my thanks to Karen Barton for preparing them, and Miss Findlay who is accompanying them, as Miss Barton will be rather busy leading and conducting the proceedings on behalf of Kent Music!

### School Council

Two meetings have been held recently of the School Council and the notes were shared with the whole school. One issue brought up by the pupils was the wearing of headbands. The School Council agreed that only plain headbands should be worn and these should be green, black, brown or a neutral colour. I think the Council made an important point which continues to reinforce our high expectations with school uniform. Gener-

ally they and I think that the pupils are indeed looking smart with an increasing number wearing ties. Thank you for your support.

### Family Trust

Last week, Family Trust led a very successful session where each of the year groups in Key-Stage 2 were invited to take part in a series of prayer stations/ activities depicting the Lords Prayer. Here are some comments from Year 5.....

'It helped me to understand the Lord's Prayer in many exciting ways. Everyone was interested!' *Emily*

'I really enjoyed the beads activity which represented the 3 things I could improve' *Harris*

'The music was calming and gave me an opportunity to reflect on the day's actions.' *Rebecca*



### Building Work Completed

I am pleased to report that the recent work to replace all 3 flat roofs is now completed. There has also been work carried out on the server kitchen to improve ventilation. I am grateful for Tom Stevens, Chair of Governors, who committed time to this project.

### The School Grounds

I think you would agree that with

the arrival of spring, the school grounds are looking especially colourful and well kept. As ever I am most grateful to Mrs Brooker and her team of helpers. I would also like to thank Jo Manser who provided us with a hazel and willow obelisk for the front of the school.

### Forthcoming dates for the remainder of Term 4.....

Tues 21st 8.00pm FOCSS meeting

Thurs 23rd Father Paul leading worship. CLUBS FINISH

Fri 24th Bramley Class trip to London Zoo. Russet and Pippin class castle themed dressing up day.

Mon 27th Key-Stage 1 trip to Leeds Castle

Wed 29th Easter Egg Hunt

Thurs 30th All pupils attending church until 9.45am for Easter practice

Fri 31st 9.15am Easter Service. Refreshments served from 8.55am. Break up for Easter Holidays.

### Finally.....PASS Gymnastics Competition

Last week Mrs Bannon accompanied 9 pupils for the morning to participate in a gymnastics competition. 13 schools across Maidstone took part and both our teams, Years 3/4 and Years 5/6 took first place. A fantastic result. Congratulations to everyone of you. As a result, preparations need to be made for the next competition so gym club will continue after the Easter holiday.

*Enjoy the weekend.*