

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

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During the holidays.....

A large part of the outside of the school has been painted, Russet cloakroom has been painted too along with the majority of the corridor. The front entrance has also received a make over with the area replastered, decorated and generally decluttered. Work has also started on redeveloping the entrance and over the coming weeks, a new seating area and garden designed and over seen by Jo Manser will come to fruition. I am very grateful to her.

Acts of Worship

On Monday in the first whole school act of worship, I used the successes of the recent World Athletics Championship especially looking at the contribution made by Mo Farah. The children were asked to consider if they replicate the qualities identified of Mo at the start of a race which one commentator summed up as 'focused, confident and ready'. 3 great attributes which I hope every child felt as they returned to school for the start of a new academic year.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest service is very early this year. It will be taking place on Friday 22nd September from 9.15am. Refreshments will be served from 8.55am and everyone is welcome to attend. Each class will be contributing to the service. We would love to receive donations of food and toiletries from Monday 18th. All donations from the school and the local community following the Sunday service will

be going to Maidstone Care Centre who provide shelter and food for the homeless, as well as food parcels to an increasing number of families across the Borough of Maidstone.

Staffing

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Jodie Osbaldeston, who will be known as Mrs O, as part of the team. She will be teaching Discovery Class each Thursday and Friday.

Diary

Thurs 7th Swimming starts for Bramley Class. PESE (11+) tests

Mon 11th Curriculum information available on website for term 1 for all 4 classes (Go to the Children and Classes tab and click on your child's class). After school, Year R consultations with Mrs Pring

Tues 12th Maidstone Mediation leading an assembly

Thurs 14th Family Trust worship

Fri 15th PM Kent Messenger Year R photograph. From 2.15pm, FOCSS new parents afternoon tea held in the Garden Room.

Mon 18th From today Harvest donations can be brought to the hall.

Thurs 21st 9.05–10.00. All children visiting the church as part of our preparation for the Harvest Service

Fri 22nd 9.15am Harvest Church Service

Tues 26th 7.30pm FOCSS AGM held in the school hall

Tues 3rd From 8.45am Individual and family group photographs. Pre school siblings should be brought to the hall from 8.45am if you wish them to be in a photograph.

Wed 11th From 4.00pm, PESE results issued from the Local Authority to parents via e-mail.

Tues 17th 3.30–6.00 Open Evening for Year 1–6. Separate letter to be issued.

Wed 18th 5.30–8.00pm Open Evening.

Fri 20th PE Skills Day—separate letter to be issued.

Holiday Mon 23rd–Fri 27th October.

Mon 30th Oct—Staff Development Day—school shut.

Tues 31st Start of term 2

Breakfast Club

This has resumed and the price remains the same at £3.50 per session. Children can be brought to the Garden Room between 7.45am and 8.00am. If you wish to use this facilities please come to the office for a registration form.

Uniform Shop

A reminder that this is open from 3.15pm each Monday.

Finally.....What we value

We have four main values which form part of the vision of the school; friendship, fairness, respect and helpfulness. Over several years now these have served us well and helped to create a harmonious, close knit community. As previously, certificates will be issued for children who are displaying these but this year we are also asking the children to identify them within the curriculum. Each class will then be creating a display of them.