

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

Thursday 28th Sep

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Harvest

Once again, thank you for the fantastic response to our Harvest collection this year. I know it will be very much appreciated by Maidstone Care Centre. It was great to see so many of you at the service.

No Pens Wednesday

On Wednesday 4th October the whole school will be taking part in No Pens Wednesday, this is a national event led by The Communication Trust. The aim of the day is to encourage the skills of speaking and listening, which is part of the national curriculum and is also a key foundation to all areas of the curriculum.

For one day, children and staff will put down their pens and all lessons, following the normal timetable, will have a focus on speaking and listening. Hopefully the children will be able to use these skills and tell you all about it at the end of the day! For more information please feel free to visit www.thecommunicationtrust.org.uk/resources/resources/resources-for-parents/ or ask Ms. Findlay.

School Photographs

Next Tuesday we have the school photographer taking individual and sibling group photos. If you would like a pre-school child included, please come to the hall as soon as the 8.55am bell has rung and we will fit you in before the rest of the school.

School Council

Congratulations to the following children for being elected by their peers to represent their year groups

on the School Council:

Year 1 Thomas Turner
Year 2 Honor Sparrow
Year 3 William Fordham
Year 4 Sadie Tod
Year 5 Freya Kerr
Year 6 Rebecca Sedgwick

The all important secretarial role went to Jisola Rabiou. He has the responsibility of producing accurate and concise minutes.

FOCSS AGM

This was held on Tuesday and I am delighted that all officers wished to remain in post. They are:

Alaric Turner Chairperson
Jo Clare Vice Chair
Sarah Atkinson Treasurer
Sally Dawson Secretary

However, this was fortuitous as there were only 7 who attended including me! Tomorrow, a FOCSS Messenger will be issued alongside the latest financial statement which shows a very successful £5400 was raised since September 2016. This is only possible with your help. Please assist FOCSS in anyway you see fit and if that includes being part of the committee, please speak to either myself or one of the officers.

FOCSS have organised a Bag2School collection and all donations need to be in school by 3.15pm on Wednesday 11th October.

Dates for the rest of Term 1 and into Term 2

Tues 3rd School Photos
Wed 4th No Pen Day
Thurs 5th Father Paul leading worship
Thurs 12th After 4.00pm, PESE (11+) results e-mailed to parents
Tues 17th 3.30pm onwards Open

Evening

Wed 18th 5.30 onwards Open Evening

Thurs 19th Father Paul leading worship

Fri 20th PE Skills Day (letter issued earlier this week)

Mon 23rd–Fri 27th October Holiday

Term 2.....

Mon 30th Staff Development - School closed for pupils

Tues 31st Children return to school. Deadline for secondary school application forms to be submitted to the Local Authority. FOCSS running a design a Christmas Card session in the hall from 3.15pm

Thurs 2nd Nov Family Trust worship. FOCSS running a second Christmas card session from 3.15pm

Wed 15th Open Day. This isn't just for parents who are choosing a primary school in the coming 12 months! Please do pop in and have a tour/ spend some time in your child's class/ enjoy some refreshments at break time accompanied by some musical performances. We look forward to seeing you.

Thurs 16th Father Paul leading worship

Sat 2nd Dec FOCSS Christmas Fair

More dates to follow.....

Entrance

All being well, work will commence this weekend on redeveloping the entrance with new seating and planting areas. Please ensure children keep away from the safety fencing following the weekend works.

Finally, although a day early, enjoy the weekend when it arrives.