

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

Thursday 19th October

Issue No: 2

No Pens Day

Following our No Pens Day, Miss Findlay spoke to a group of pupils and I thought I would share some of their responses. Firstly to put the comments into context, our younger pupils said they generally prefer to write whilst the older, Key-Stage 2 pupils prefer to speak and listen!

Did you find it interesting using no pens for the day?

It was really interesting because normally we use punctuation marks and pens in English but today we didn't. We played English games to describe personality and appearance. Teddy H

I found it interesting because we used our language to answer questions and we used our minds to figure out questions. I learnt how to listen better to others and not speak when someone else is talking. Jodie

We had to retell our class story, we had to listen to each other and remember what the person before had said and then we would know what part of the story to tell next. Rebecca

What did you find difficult about the day?

The fact that we couldn't really write in English and put down our scores in Maths because we did games and Lilly won most of the games. We couldn't remember who won the games because we couldn't put down the points. Clara

Christmas events in term 2!

Tues 31st Oct and Thurs 2nd Nov—
From 3.15pm, FOCSS Christmas Card design workshop in the hall.

Sat 2nd Dec FOCSS Christmas Fair

Fri 8th Dec Bramley Class singing carols at Staplehurst Manor Nursing Home

Tues 12th and Wed 13th Key-Stage 1 Nativity starting at 2.15pm

Wed 20th 9.15am Christmas Carol Service in the church. 10.30am Family Trust performing a pantomime to the whole school.

Secondary School Selection Deadline

Tuesday 31st October is the closing date for Year 6 parents to have chosen and applied for secondary schools.

FOCSS

The next FOCSS committee meeting is scheduled for Tues 7th Nov at 8.00pm. Venue TBC. Please do come along. Offers to help for the Christmas Fair would be really appreciated.

Playground before and after school

Please could I ask that children do not use the play equipment after school and that they leave the site as soon as possible. We have had incidences where after school clubs have been impacted by children, especially younger siblings. Also ensure that younger siblings stay with an adult in the Early Years area at the start of the day and are not running around the playground with much older children. This is for their safety. Thank you for your cooperation with these issues.

Outstanding Work

Have you seen our outstanding work display? As part of our drive to promote even higher standards, children's work has been selected which we think is outstanding for their age. Currently alongside work from each year group, there's

an impressive piece of early writing produced by Ramona in Year R. What a terrific start! The board can be found near the double doors which take you out into the courtyard.

Oakwood Park Maths Competition

Olivia, Jisola, Sam and Rebecca from Discovery Class represented the school last week at the Oakwood Park maths competition. They were certainly put through their paces. They achieved 11th place out of 26 teams. A very respectable effort. Thanks go to Emma Sedgwick for accompanying the children.

Values of Friendship, Fairness, Respect and Helpfulness

I am delighted that as we approach the end of term 1, the following pupils have gained a certificate for displaying one or more of our four Christian values:

Russet: Thomas and Alfred

Pippin: Annie and Nathaniel

Bramley: Harriet and Nieve

Discovery: Jisola and James

Miss Findlay also awarded certificates to Arthur and Scarlett.

Finally.....

Don't forget that tomorrow is PE Skills Day. Come to school ready for a day of activity!

Although slightly early, may I wish everyone a restful October holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 31st October.