

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

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Poppy Appeal

We had an absolutely fantastic response to the poppy appeal. A total of £318.96 was donated which is a third more than last year and two thirds more than 2016. You may be interested to know that the district total was also a record amount totalling £6691.43.

Children in Need

Thank you for all the many donations for the cake sale and also the generous support towards the non-school uniform day. We raised £349.

Thank you to everyone for supporting so generously both of these very worthwhile charities.

Young Carers Assembly

On Tuesday last week representatives from Kent Young Carers presented in assembly and here are some commentaries from pupils in Bramley and Discovery .

'We were very lucky because Young carers came to talk about what they do. Young carers are children below the age of 18 who look after parents/ guardians and brothers/ sisters with disabilities like autism. They help all sorts of ways like shopping and running baths. There's a club for young carers where they can go on trips and fun enjoying parties. This provides them time away from the extra work they are doing.' Kit and Joshua.

In assembly on Monday 18th, a pair of people from Kent Young Carers came in and told us about the things young carers do and the lengths they go to for their patient. They have set up a club for young carers. They go on lots of fun

trips everywhere and even host a Christmas party.

They also told us that the people being cared for could sometimes have ADHD or autism. Not all carers recognise that they are caring for someone so that is another reason they have the clubs to help you recognise if you're a young carer. The other surprising fact was that young carers themselves could have a problem and still care for other people with issues.' Jola

Thank you to Kit, Joshua and Jola for sharing their thoughts with us.

Tree/hedge Planting

With assistance from members of the local community, this will be taking place on Thursday afternoon. Please ensure your child has wellington boots and a coat in school and then they can be involved. We have 420 to plant before home time!

A few reminders:

Please could we receive sponsorship money from PE skills Day. However large or small, any contributions would be welcomed.

Bags for School started last Thursday and runs until this Thursday. Please bring donations to the indoor PE store in the hall.

The chocolate tombola competition is well underway. Collection boxes for each class are in the hall. The competition closes this Friday.

Year R 2019

A reminder that if you have a child starting school in September 2019, please let Mrs Bentley know in the office so that we have an up to date list. Every family needs to submit an application form to KCC regardless

of a sibling link. The deadline for this is Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Key-Stage 2 Victorian Day

As part of this very popular topic, KS2 will be holding a Victorian Day on Friday 30th. There will be a range of activities from the era including preparing, cooking and eating food. It would be great to have children dressed up in the theme.

Run up to Christmas.... And sleep

How much sleep is your child(ren) having? As we approach Christmas, we are entering a time of excitement! We are finding an increasing number of children especially in upper Key-Stage 2 showing signs of sleep deprivation. Research shows that 7-12 years olds need an average of 10hrs per day. We are aware that some of our older pupils are spending considerable time on technological devices. Are these in their bedrooms? Your assistance with this critical area for well-being and educational attainment would be most appreciated.

FOCSS Christmas Fair

Preparations are well under way for the Fair taking place on Saturday 8th December 2-4pm. All donations will be gratefully received.

Finally, a reminder that term 2 finishes on Wednesday 19th December and children return to school on Thursday 3rd January 2019. School is shut on Friday 25th January for staff training.