

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

Friday 12th October

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FOCSS AGM

Thank you to the parents who turned out for the Annual General Meeting of FOCSS. Following 2 very successful years as Chair, Alaric Turner has decided to stand down. I'm delighted that Harriet Breslin is his replacement. All other officers were willing to stand for a further year; a huge thank you to them. It should be noted however, that at the 2019 AGM, the Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary will have to relinquish their posts! FOCSS presented the school with a £20000 contribution towards the new field. This is a terrific achievement and on behalf of the pupils, staff and Governing Body, THANK YOU.

New Field

As you will have seen, the pupils have started to use the new tarmac playground and this generated much anticipation and excitement. You may recall that we were one of the nominated charities for the TESCO Paddock Wood and surrounding stores back in June and July. We achieved 2nd place securing £2000 funding. Thanks again to Mrs Brooker who worked alongside me to submit this application. We now have a small committee of staff, governors and the School Council who have met to discuss the next phase of improvements. Watch out!

Secondary School

A reminder to parents in Year 6 that applications for secondary school need to be made by Wednesday 31st October.

Harvest

Following our church service and the regular Sunday service at St. Margaret's, the many donations were taken to a most grateful Maidstone Care where it will now be used to provide food parcels to homes in the Borough of Maidstone for the next 12 months as well as for emergency care of the homeless. We had another terrific response for which many people will be thankful.

2018 Year 6 SATS Results

In my last newsletter of the 2017/18 academic year, I shared the outcomes of Year 6 SATS. We have now received the analysis of the data and our pupils really did do us proud! We were ranked in the top 2% of schools in England for their attainment in all measures— reading, writing, maths and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar). I'm sure their achievements assisted them in feeling ready and confident for secondary school.

Photographs

Please be aware that we are expecting the photographs (individual/sibling) to be issued sometime next week.

Diary

Tues 16th Open Evening 3.30–6.00pm

Wed 17th Discovery Class trip. Miss Mitchell's last day before maternity leave.

Thurs 18th Father Paul leading worship. Open Evening 5.30–8.00pm

Fri 19th PE Skills Day. All children to come to school in their PE kit.

End of term 1

Mon 29th Oct Start of term 2— Children return to school

Tues 30th 8pm FOCSS meeting— further details to follow from FOCSS

Thurs 1st Nov Family Trust. 3.15pm FOCSS Christmas Card art session (watch out for further details)

Mon 5th Staff training so **no library or gym club—apologies**

Thurs 8th Father Paul Leading worship

W.b. 12th National Anti-Bullying Week

Fri 16th Children in Need. Non-school uniform day. Minimum donation of £1 please.

Tues 20th Young Carers Assembly

Fri 30th Key-Stage 2 Victorian Day (more details to follow)

Thurs 6th Dec Father Paul leading worship

Fri 7th CLUBS FINISH

Sat 8th 2.00pm Christmas Fair

Tues 11th/Wed 12th 2.15pm Key-Stage 1 Nativity

Fri 14th Christmas Jumper Day

Wed 19th 9.15am Christmas Church Service. **End of term 2.**

The last staff development day has now been set for Friday 25th January 2019.

Finally.....Miss Mitchell

We all wish Miss Mitchell the very best for the impending birth of her second child.

Although 1 week to go, may I wish everyone a good half term.