

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

Inspire, Nurture, Discover

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Swimming

Apologies to Sofia who was missed off the swimming list in the last newsletter just before Christmas. Sofia achieved her 50m badge—well done.

Christmas Jumper Day

£96 was raised and this will support Save the Children.

Attendance

Many congratulations to the 38 pupils who achieved 100% attendance from September to December. At the end of term 2, overall attendance was 96.99% with Pip-pin achieving an amazing 98.32%.

Annual Questionnaire

At the forthcoming Open Evenings, the annual questionnaire for parents will be available to complete. Following the results of last year, we have been focused on our anti-bullying strategies. This has included raising the profile and understanding of bullying with pupils in lesson time and worship, reviewing the anti-bullying and behaviour policies, Year 6 working alongside the school nursing service, discussions at staff meetings on curriculum provision, and governors meeting with pupils to gauge the impact over time. Please do complete the questionnaire so that the findings can be incorporated into future plans for the school.

Governing Body

Last week, the Governing Body met to hold their annual business meeting. They decided to retain the current committee structure

but rename them. The school will be operating with full Governing Body meetings which will continue to meet 5 times per year along with 2 sub committees. The Learning and Development committee will be chaired by Catherine Jones working alongside Jo Manser, Gareth Waterman and Sheila Guillum-Scott. The Resources and Personnel Committee will be chaired by Andrea Cahill working alongside Jonathan Simons, David Newsom and Brian George. The Chair of the full governing body is Jo Manser. A list of all governors is available on the website. There will be governors present at the forthcoming Open Evenings.

Field Developments

You may have noticed last week that in the far corner of the new field, Nigel Jenner (ex parent and governor) planted 20 fruit trees. We managed to source all the varieties we required.... Russet, Pippin, Bramley and Discovery! These have been planted to create a path leading to the corner where 'reading wigwams,' created from willow, will be planted. This forms part of the successful bid to Tesco where you may recall we received £2000. Thanks to Nigel, Jo Manser and Mrs Farmer for their continued involvement in these projects.

We are also only a matter of weeks away from the new outdoor gym equipment being installed.

Diary

Fri 25th Staff Development Day—school shut

Tues 29th PM Children involved in the Sunday service rehearsing in

church

Fri 1st Feb AM School attending church for service rehearsal

Sun 3rd 11.00 Church Service—Everyone most welcome

Tues 5th Safer Internet Day

Fri 8th FOCSS Quiz Evening held in the school hall

Tues 12th Open Evening 3.30—6.00 (Book Fair held)

Thurs 14th Open Evening 5.30—8.00 (Book Fair held)

Fri 15th Last day of term 3

Mon 18th—Fri 22nd half term holiday

Mon 25th Children return to school—start of term 4

School Uniform Shop

Currently Mrs Howard is running this single handedly. Are you able to offer any assistance? The role involves selling after school on a Thursday for about 10/15mins max and occasionally helping with a stock take/ordering. Please either let the school office know or see Mrs Howard.

Following my letter earlier this week regarding a new school logo, we would like to achieve 'best value' when it comes to the current uniform held by FOCSS. There are some small and larger sized cardigans and jumpers which from today, will be sold 20% cheaper which is below the cost price. Any sizes which need to be ordered, will be sold at the normal prices.

Finally, enjoy the long weekend!