

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

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Welcome back! Although some time ago, I hope you all enjoyed the Easter break especially the unseasonably warm weather.

As we embark on term 5, the next 2 terms are always busy so this newsletter starts with a comprehensive diary:

Tues 30th 8.00pm FOCSS meeting at The Woolpack

Thurs 2nd May Local Elections—school open as usual

Mon 6th Bank Holiday

Mon 13th—Thurs 16th Year 6 SATS. Monday—SPAG, Tuesday reading, Wednesday/Thursday 3 maths tests. Writing is teacher assessed and then moderated with other schools co-ordinated by the Local Authority

Thurs 16th 7.00pm Venture Week meeting for Year 6 parents (no children please!)

Sat 18th FOCSS Kite Workshop

W.b.Mon 20th Key-Stage 1 SATS

Thurs 21st Family Trust Prayer Space session for Discovery Class

Thurs 23rd Spoken English Competition being judged. European Elections—(TBC!) - school open as usual.

Fri 24th Assembly led by the Royal British Legion. Last day of term 5

Mon 27th—Fri 31st May holiday

Term 6

Mon 3rd June Staff development day—school shut. For Year 5 parents: Registration for PESE (11+) opens on-line.

Tues 4th Start of term 6. Class photos. 7.00pm Meeting for parents of Year 4/5 regarding secondary schools and the PESE (11+) system (separate letter will be issued)

Wed 5th Year 6 Safety in Action—leaving at 8.20am

Thurs 6th Family Trust worship.

Mon 10th—Fri 14th Year 6 residential Year 5 bikeability

Tues 11th Phonics tests for Year 1

W.b. Mon 17th Testing week for Yrs 1,3,4 and 5

Tues 18th Gymnastics groups attending Kent finals

Sat 22nd FOCSS Pet Show

Mon 24th Magistrate visiting

Wed 26th 10.00am New Year R parents coffee morning

Wed 3rd July New Year R Coffee Morning/ uniform sale. PESE (11+) registration closes.

1.30pm Sports Day

Thurs 4th Reserve Sports Day

Fri 5th Clubs finish

Wed 10th 2.00pm Discovery Class performance

Thurs 11th New Year R in school all day. 7.00pm Discovery Class performance

Sat 13th FOCSS Camp Out

Tues 16th 3.15pm Informal Open Afternoon

Fri 19th 9.15am Church Service. Last day of the academic year.

More dates will be added in future newsletters.....!

SATS

Attached to this newsletter is an information leaflet from the DFE regarding SATS for both Key-Stage 1 and 2.

Wildlife Area

Many thanks to Jo Manser and parents who volunteered during the Easter break to further develop the wildlife area. The area was rotavated enabling children to scatter the many donated packets of wildflower seeds last week. We are especially grateful to the Howard family for providing the logs which will

be the children's seats in the reading domes; thank you.

Questionnaire Results

Accompanying this newsletter are the results of the questionnaire completed by 52 parents. Thank you for taking the trouble especially for the additional comments which have been shared with the governing body.

Firstly, there are many positive outcomes but I am particularly delighted that our pupils continue to be happy and feel safe at school. Clearly our results dip a little when it comes to 'communication' and this has been discussed at a recent staff meeting. This was an issue several years ago and in response we provided further curriculum information at Open Evenings. Please remember that unless they have a staff meeting/club or an exceptional reason, staff are always available to meet with you after school or can either phone/e-mail. Homework has also been discussed and I know that some changes have been made. The outcome for school lunches has been shared with Caterlink. We continue to monitor both the quality and quantity of the food. The cook from East Farleigh kitchen has also visited the school to monitor portion sizes.

Finally, the comments will be most useful, especially those relating to our continuing commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum where every child is offered as many opportunities as possible to show their strengths whilst at the same time ensuring children are confident and well prepared for secondary school.

Finally, term 5 curriculum planners have been uploaded to the website. They can be found under 'children and classes' and then on the individual class names. *Enjoy the forthcoming 3 day weekend.*