

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

Inspire, Nurture, Discover

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Welcome to a new academic year

I would especially like to extend a warm welcome to all the children and their families who have joined our community. I know the 17 Year R of which 12 are new families, have settled well.

As we embark on an exciting year, I thought it would be good to summarise the teaching and supportstaff involved in each classroom:

Russet—Miss O'Connor. Miss France—additional support

Pippin—Mrs Bannon (Senior Teacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Mrs Farmer. Miss Newick and Mrs Sudbury Dungey—additional support

Bramley—Miss Harrison. Mrs Stewart, Mrs Dolan and Mrs Hyland—additional support

Discovery- Mrs Kenward and Mrs Greatrex. Mrs Van de Graf, Mrs Ball, Miss Nelson and Mrs Ray—additional support.

In addition to the above, Ms Tomlinson and Mrs Clare work across various classes.

Ms Findlay—SENCo.

Mrs Bentley—Secretary

Ms Coker—Bursar

Mr Collins—Caretaker

Staff attended work last Monday so that they all received a safeguarding update as well as a presentation of the areas the school will be focusing upon in the year ahead. This will include a new PSHE curriculum, promoting globalization and diversity as well as ensuring

that the quality of education is as robust and engaging as possible. Please see curriculum planners uploaded to the website which detail the curriculum your child(ren) will be receiving in the coming weeks.

Diary

Thurs 11th Sep—11+ testing all day

Mon 23rd Discovery Class trip

Tues 24th Maidstone Meditation assembly. Year R and 6 height and weight checks)letter to be issued)

Wed 25th Year R parent consultations after school (letter to be issued)

Thurs 26th Family Trust worship

Sat 28th FOCSS Quiz Evening

Tues 8th October Russet/Pippin trip

Fri 11th 9.15am HARVEST SERVICE (more details to follow)

Tues 15th Open Evening for Years 1-6. 3.30—6.00

Thurs 17th Open Evening for Years 1-6. 5.30—8.00pm. 11+ results issued to parents from 4.00pm

Fri 18th PE Skills Day. Many of you will be aware of our success with gymnastics last year. However, we don't always look the part! This year, PE Skills Day sponsorship money will be used to purchase kit for competitions.

Mon 21st—Fri 25th October holiday

Mon 28th Staff Development Day

Tues 29th Children return to school

Safely gathered in....

At the end of last week, members of the gardening club spent a breaktime harvesting the various crops of fruit and vegetables successfully grown.

Mrs Stewart has various recipes so that the school can all share and enjoy the home grown produce. I would like to thank Mrs Ball and Mrs Hyland for running gardening club and ensuring that the produce survived during the long and sometimes hot summer break.

Uniform

With our new logo, trade has been brisk at the uniform shop which is open on a Thursday at 3.15pm.

Zuu Fitness

Yesterday, each class received a session from Adel Murphy. ZUU KIDZ is a simple programme where pupils are taught simple movements of ZUU encouraging them to be interactive with others they would not normally, build self-esteem, touches the physical & mental health by being social & having fun exercising. **She particularly focused on our school value of respect which the whole school community will continue to work on during term 1. Respect for each other, our belongings, ourselves and our world.**

We hope they all enjoyed it. This was funded using some of our Sports Premium grant. She will also be offering an after school club starting next week (letter issued yesterday)

Finally.....Basketball

You may have noticed that 2 new basketball goals have appeared on the playground. These have been kindly donated by Viktor and Chris Valeriev's family. We are most grateful. A basketball club will be starting next week run by