

# St Margaret's C.E.P. School

## Newsletter

*Inspire, Nurture, Discover*

Learning as we grow, Growing as we learn, Rooted in Jesus

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**Monday 24th January**

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### January is almost over!

After so much damp and dismal weather, it really is encouraging that the days are slowly getting longer and we are experiencing more light. The term is progressing very well and last Thursday was one of the highlights with each year group enjoying some dancing. The children took part in a Lindy Hop workshop. The Lindy Hop is an American dance that was very popular during the swing era of the late 1930s and early 1940s. Lindy Hop is a fusion of many dances but is mainly based on jazz, tap and Charleston. Ladies from 'Home Front Lindy Hop' visited the school and taught children and staff Lindy Hop moves that were applied to modern music. The children learnt moves such as Grapevine, Charleston and Box Step. They were excited to learn new skills and had great fun. 'Strictly' almost came to Collier Street!

### FOCSS

A meeting of the committee was held recently where we were informed of the terrific outcome following the Christmas Fair. A total of £2200 was raised; thank you again to FOCSS but also everyone who donated and attended.

### Fundraising

Charlotte and Evie in Year 5 have independently approached me with grand plans for some fundraising. They would like to raise money and share the proceeds equally between buying some plants for the new school garden

and the Royal Horticultural Society. After very little persuasion, I agreed to an after school cake sale! This will take place on Tuesday 8th February. They would be delighted to receive offers of donations of cakes. Please also remember to bring some spare change after school on the 8th. They shared their plans with the school in Music Time last week.

### Road Crossing Patrol

As you are all very aware, we are still trying to recruit a road crossing patrol. The hours are 30 minutes at the start and finish of each school day. If you are interested, potentially working alongside someone else, please come and speak with me.

### Parent/ Teacher Consultations

These will be taking place face to face week beginning 28th February on the Tuesday and Thursday of that week. A letter will be issued very soon so that you are informed before the February holiday of your time slot.

### Diary

Fri 28th Jan Leading Lights restarts. After such a long time, I am pleased to report that our 6 volunteers from Years 5 and 6 will be meeting alongside Rev Rachel and Emma Howard (Lettie's Mum) to once again promote our Christian ethos. Their focus to begin with is to work alongside Jo Manser (Angus' Mum) to design a spiritual garden. This is the next exciting phase of the field development.

Tues 1st Malawi Day. As part of our commitment to raising children's awareness of globalisation and very different parts of our diverse world,

we will be welcoming Cathy Penfold to lead worship. She is the schools coordinator for the charity Starfish Malawi. Children will then be participating in various activities throughout the day. Our aim to set up a link with a school in this African country.

Fri 4th Bramley Class trip to Maidstone Museum as part of their topic on the local area.

Mon 7th Visitors running African masks and dancing workshop for all classes

Tues 8th Cake sale after school

Fri 11th End of term 3. FOCSS doughnut and pizza event after school—more information from FOCSS to follow.

*Mon 14th–Fri 18th Feb holiday*

Mon 21st Start of term 4. Children return to school



### Queen's 70th Year

One more date..... In line with Kent County Council the additional days holiday granted to all workers due to the celebrations taking place at the beginning of June, will be taken on Friday 22nd July so the end of term 6 will be Thursday 21st July.

*Have a good week.*