

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

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

Tuesday 3rd May

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I trust everyone enjoyed the longer weekend. We now have 4 busy weeks ahead of us including Young Voices, SATS, Jubilee Celebrations and a residential to Surrey!

Swimming

Before the Easter holiday, Bramley Class had badge day and some impressive results were achieved as follows:

10m Archie B, Loughlin, Elia

15m Evie, James, Fabian

20m Alfie, Kris, Henry, Scarlett

25m Archie F, Freya, Harris, Amelia, Joshua, Abigail, Hazel, Amelie, William

50m Finnan, Lyla, Harry, Robyn

100m Alice, Ned

400m Leila

600m Zack, Ramona, Wren

800m Diesel, Teddy

Many congratulations to them all.

Development and care of the School Grounds

This is one of the areas of the School Improvement Plan and some excellent progress has recently been made. Mrs Bentley and Mrs Bannon have some exciting plans for the existing productive school garden. The raised beds need replacing and they are taking the opportunity to redesign it.

As we broke up for Easter, Mrs Elaine Mitchell (Sophie's Mum), Mrs Emma Howard (Lettie's Mum) and I met to discuss the new spiritual garden. Elaine has created wonderful designs for each of the 6 distinct zones and we are now tak-

ing this to the next stage. Finally, last Friday, it was confirmed that an application made by the school to the Queen's Green Canopy which is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022, has been successful. We will be receiving many more trees which will need planting in the autumn and they will form a backdrop to the new spiritual garden.

If you have any spare time and would like to assist in looking after any part of our extensive grounds and gardening areas, please do approach me. Any additional help would be much appreciated.

Jubilee Celebrations

It's not long now until the special bank holiday enabling us all to celebrate the enormous achievements of HM Queen Elizabeth II. With Year 6 on their residential the week before half term, we will be holding our celebrations the w.b. 16th May. Here are some of the plans:

Monday—visit of an author who wrote a book celebrating the Queen's Golden Anniversary.

From Monday, an art competition where the 4 classes will be producing a portrait of the Queen in the style of 4 different artists.

On Wednesday and Thursday, cookery will take place for various groups preparing and baking jam tarts and biscuits. Key-Stage 1 will decorate the biscuits.

On Thursday 19th at pick up time, all the children will be creating a line of artists displaying the portraits of the HM Queen.

Friday afternoon from 1.15pm, all classes will enjoy traditional games and activities in small groups before sitting down and enjoying a tea party on the playground. All children are welcome to wear red, white and blue clothing on this day. As the children leave on Friday, they will be bringing home the commemorative coin which FOCSS have agreed to fund for each child.

Reminder and additional dates for term 5:

Tues 3rd May 3.30pm Meeting for Yr 6 parents re. Venture Week

Thurs 5th School used as a polling station—open as usual. Young Voices at the O2

W.b. 9th May Key-Stage 2 (Yr 6) SATS from Monday 9th—Thurs 12th May. Reasoning tests for Yr 5.

Wed 11th FOCSS meeting 7.30pm

Fri 13th Vision checks for Year R and 6

Mon 16th Author in as part of the Jubilee celebrations

Tues 17th Father Paul leading worship. The Lancaster Model Questionnaire for Year 6

Wed 18th 6.30pm Secondary School meeting for parents of children in Yrs 4 and 5

Fri 20th May—Culmination of the school's Jubilee Celebrations.

Mon 23rd—Fri 27th Year 6 Residential to PGL

Wishing you all a good week.