

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

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

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Swimming

Following the most recent 'badge day', the following distances were achieved:

15m—Archie B, Loughlin, Evie, Kris and Elia

25m—Henry, James, Scarlett, Fabian and Alfie

50m—Amelie, Fran, Archie F, Freya, Amelia and Joshua

100m—William, Harry H, Lyla and Harry A

200m—Alice and Ned

600m—Leila

800m—Zack and Ramona

1000m—Diesel and Teddy

Many congratulations to them all especially to Diesel and Teddy for achieving 1000m in just over 30 minutes.

Spoken English

Each year, this annual competition supported by the Yalding Education Foundation provides Year 5 pupils with an opportunity to improve their public speaking skills. There were a significant number of strong candidates but only 5 can be judged and they were; Aurora, Arthur, Charlotte, Ned and Poppy. The judges decided that Ned was the overall winner. Many congratulations to him but also to everyone who achieved the last 5 places as well as the very many more who were involved in the process.

After School Clubs

In the past parents with a particular skill or interest have offered to run an after school club. Kelly

Rigden is currently running cookery. In the past we have had rugby, basketball and nature clubs run too. We would love to hear from you if are interested and would like to offer. Please come to the office for further details at the beginning of next term.

Goodbye My Friend

After a break of 2 years, what a delight it was to have live performances of Discovery's end of year play. They really pulled all the stops out, speaking with confidence and singing with gusto! I know so many of you thoroughly enjoyed it. As I said, I do hope it has created some long and very fond memories for you all, both cast and audience.

FOCSS

You may not be aware that with your support, FOCSS raised a terrific £2804 at the Pet Show. A huge thank you to the FOCSS committee for the various fundraising events they have run over the last 10 months. Please remember that when we return, they will be holding their AGM. Would you be able to join the committee?

Finally, what a year! The autumn term and just after Christmas saw high levels of absence both by children and staff due to Covid. Within 4 months we had a KCC Compliance visit which audits our financial procedures and governance, closely followed by OFSTED and then a full KCC Health and Safety visit. All were successful and a testament to the great staff be that in the classroom, the office or perhaps our caretaker, Mr Collins who works 7.30–8.30 each day as well as our

governors who voluntarily give so much time to the school.

Attendance levels then improved, all the wonderful summer events have been able to take place and the children have performed very well in all the statutory tests. Some of the highlights include:

94% of Yr 1 passed the phonics test

The average mark in the Year 4 times table check was 20.1 out of 25

Every Year 6 child is leaving us reading at the expected standard, ready for secondary school.

Many congratulations to all concerned.

A few diary dates for Term 1

Thurs 1st Staff Dev Day

Fri 2nd Start of term 1—Children return to school. From September, there will be a major focus on attendance. A letter will be issued on our return.

Thurs 8th 11+ Testing

Tues 20th Family Trust worship

Fri 30th 9.15am Harvest Service

Fri 7th Oct—Individual photos

Mon 17th Flu vaccinations for all pupils (separate letter to be issued)

On behalf of the staff and governors, may I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday.

