

# 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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**Tuesday 4th Oct**

**Issue No:2**

### Harvest

I know that many families attended the lovely Harvest Service last week but if you didn't, I would like to thank you for the fantastic collection we had this year. The food and toiletries continued to come in to school during and after school on Friday too. I took it to Maidstone Day Centre earlier today. Thank you again.

Following the service, Russet Class made wholesome, vegetable soup and some bread to accompany it which everyone in the class enjoyed in the afternoon.

### Attendance

You'll be aware that I issued a letter regarding attendance as soon as term started. The School Council has now met to discuss how great attendance could be recognised. We have a display board dedicated to attendance which is changed each Monday morning showing the class who achieved 1st place the previous 5 days. Over the term, this is collated and then the class with the highest number of weekly 'firsts' will be able to choose either extra playtime for a day or will be able to go on a Nature Walk. The SC thought the children could then collect interesting items along the way and perhaps create some pieces of art from this. What a terrific idea! Last week's attendance was excellent:

Russet: 99.25%

Pippin: 99.23%

Bramley: 99.43%

Discovery: 96.57%

Diary (more dates have been added since the last time):

Fri 7th Individual/ family photos. If you would like pre school siblings to be included, please bring them to the hall at 8.45am. Best school uniform everyone please!

Mon 10th Balanceability Workshop for our youngest children. Kent Fire and Rescue presentation, 'Restart a Heart' for Discovery Class

Wed 12th 7.00pm FOCSS AGM in the school hall.

Fri 14th FOCSS Quiz Evening

Mon 17th Flu vaccinations for all year groups

Tues 18th 11+ Results issued. After school, football tournament for the KS1 Football Club at Laddingford School

Fri 21st End of term 1

*Mon 24th–Fri 28th October Holiday*

Mon 31st Staff Dev Day – **School shut**

Tues 1st **Children return to school**

Mon 7th FOCSS Christmas Card making in the hall

Tues 8th and Thurs 10th Parent/Teacher consultations to include a BOOK FAIR (see separate letter issued today)

Thurs 10th Science Day

Mon 14th Anti-bullying Week

Fri 25th FOCSS Christmas Wreath Making

Mon 28th Nov Christmas Chocolate Tombola Competition starts. Competition ends on Wed 7th Dec

Wed 7th 2.00pm Key-Stage 1 Nativi-

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Thurs 8th 2.00pm Key-Stage 1 Nativity

Sat 10th 12.00–2.00pm FOCSS Christmas Fair

Mon 12th Non-school uniform for the winning class from the chocolate competition

Fri 16th 9.15am Christmas Carol Service in the church. Everyone most welcome.

### Preparing for Winter...

We have now been informed of the price increases for our energy. As a Kent school we have been fortunate to have extremely low prices but the current 18 month contract ended last Friday. We are facing huge increases; the electricity which makes up about 70% of our total energy consumption will increase by 66%. The gas is considerably more. It goes without saying that unless we wish to use an additional £9000 of our budget on energy, we are going to have to find cost savings. We are going to trial various ideas but it's probably going to lead to the school being a lower temperature than in previous years, although last year was pretty cool as we had to have so much ventilation for Covid! Please ensure children come to school with a cardigan/jumper every day. When the cold weather really bites, an extra layer (t-shirt under a shirt/polo shirt for example) could well be advantageous. Thank you for your understanding.

***Have a good week and please remember photos on Friday!***