

# 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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**Friday 25th Nov 22**

**Issue No: 4**

### Parking

A couple of issues..... Firstly please ensure you park considerately in the Parish Car Park. I understand there was an occasion recently where other cars were unable to leave. Secondly, with a designated car park kindly provided by the Parish Council, please can the very small minority of parents stop parking outside the Telephone Exchange. There are several families who walk to school along the road and they are having to walk into the road to go around parked vehicles.

### Staff Development Day

The final Staff Development Day has now been set and will take place on **Friday 10th Feb 2023**. School will be shut. A reminder that the days which have already been identified are:

- Tues 3rd Jan
- Mon 5th June.

### School Closures

'Tis the season to.....find your route to school under water! It's hard to believe that in such a relatively short time we have gone from a drought to excess water. Clearly in the coming months we could also experience snow and ice.

The first thing to say is that we will do our utmost to keep the school open but there have been occasions where this has not been possible due to substantial flooding or other extreme weather conditions.

We will make a decision as soon as possible and sometimes the deci-

sion is easy. Other times it can be really challenging to know the local circumstances whilst also taking account of the individual staff journeys. As a general guide, I try to inform you by 7.30am at the latest. This will be done by 2 main forms of communication. Firstly, ParentMail and secondly via Kent Closures which can be found at [www.kentclosures.co.uk](http://www.kentclosures.co.uk). Please search for our school in the search facility. I strongly recommend that you sign up for e-mail alerts.

If we can open during severe weather it is worth noting that you may be asked to provide a packed lunch at short notice and that children should come to school with an extra layer or two (especially with fuel bills soaring!).

Fingers crossed the weather is very average!!

### Children in Need

Many thanks as ever for your generosity. Pudsey was just about well and truly covered with silver by the end of the day! Including a generous £10 note donation, £217.50 was raised.

### Events coming up between now and the end of term.....

Mon 28th Nov—Christmas Tombola Competition starts to see which class brings in the most chocolate. From each class, everything is weighed and then averaged out to reflect the different number of children in each class. The class with the highest average will enjoy a non-school uniform day. Please bring donations to the hall at morning drop off. Thank you.

Wed 7th Last day of the chocolate tombola competition

Wed 7th 2.15pm Key-Stage 1 Nativity. Gates will open at 1.50pm. **PLEASE NOTE this will start at 2.00pm and not 2.15pm as previously stated.**

Thurs 8th Nativity—As above

Fri 9th Christmas Jumper Day. Please bring in a £1 donation.

Sat 10th **12.00–2.00pm FOCSS Christmas Fair**. If you are able to assist in anyway, please do approach a committee member—Kelly, Hannah, Gemma, Emma, Cat or alternatively, let Mrs Bentley know in the office. Without offers to cover stalls, fewer can run and that results in less variety for all concerned. Thank you in advance.

Mon 12th Non-school uniform day for the winning class

Tues 13th PM Family Trust Christmas Show

Wed 14th PM—Bramley and Discovery Class Christmas Parties

Thurs 15th PM—Pippin and Russet Christmas Parties

Fri 16th 9.15am Christmas Service. Everyone most welcome. Refreshments served from 8.45am.

### Year R 2023

Although some time off, please bear in mind that the deadline for applying for a September 2023 Year R place is the 16th January 2023 and even though you may have a sibling already with us, an application needs to be made for your pre-school child.

***Enjoy the weekend.***