

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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King Charles III Coronation Celebrations

I know this is a while away but we will be marking this historical occasion on Friday 5th May. During the Easter break, children are invited to create a crown 'Fit for the King'. These will be judged in year groups with a small prize awarded to each of the 7 winners on Friday 5th so please wear your crown to school on the day! We are planning to have a celebration during the afternoon which will include each child receiving a bookmark donated by FOCSS. As school will be shut on Monday 8th for an additional bank holiday, Year 6 should be aware that SATS have all been shifted back one day so testing will now take place from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th.

Tree Planting

As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations for the late Queen Elizabeth II, we applied to take part in the Queen's Green Canopy. Recently, with the help of various adults and members of Eco-Club, 25 trees were planted. A plaque which was kindly paid for by Wren and Robyn Peerless' Grandmother and also supported the Royal British Legion will be erected to accompany the trees.

Online Safety

Vodafone have been busy creating a number of useful resources to help parents keep children safe online. These include the latest edition of their Digital Parenting Magazine, Digital Parenting Pro, an interactive resource which pro-

vides helpful information about what parental controls and safety settings are available across the most popular apps, games and devices and finally, they have created a Digital Family Pledge which is another interactive resource designed for families of children aged 5-13. Pledges can be made on areas such as quality screen time, being kind online, healthy social media and happy gaming. All these useful resources can be found at www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/smart-living/digital-parenting/

Some important summer dates:

Fri 16th June Hotshotz Tennis

Wed 21st June—New Yr R coffee morning at 10.00am

Fri 23rd Yr 6 to Rochester Cathedral

Sat 24th PET SHOW from 12.00pm

Wed 5th July Sports Day with the reserve date Thurs 6th. The gate will open at 1.20pm

Fri 7th July—Clubs finish

Tues 11th 2.00pm/Thurs 13th 7.00pm—Discovery Class performance

Fri 21st July End of academic year church service. Everyone welcome.

2023/24 Academic Year

Term dates for 2023/24 are now available on our website. Just so everyone is aware, Friday 1st Sep will be a Staff Development Day so pupils will be returning to school on Monday 4th September.

Football Tournament

Thank you to both teams for representing our school at the recent tournament against Yalding School. Although we lost, both teams showed

real sportsmanship. Thank you to the parents and staff who came to support. We look forward to the next time!

Annual Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed the parental questionnaire including the additional written comments. The outcomes are really positive again but there are areas for us to consider and respond to. The governing body had the opportunity to discuss and respond recently. The results are attached to this newsletter.

Joseph Concert

What a lovely occasion this was. A huge thank you to every member of the choir who rehearsed so well all day Friday and then performing alongside Yalding Choir, pulled off a most memorable concert. Thank you to parents for supporting and also donating so generously to raise a total of £306.20.

Finally, well done to Liberty, Evie, Charlotte H and Sophia who organised, with your generosity, a fantastic cake sale in aid of the Evelina Children's Hospital. They have raised in excess of £200. We also have the Easter Egg Hunt at 3.15pm on Wednesday (reserve Thursday) and then our Easter Service at the church on Friday. Please send in the water bottles and a donation to cover the shipping costs on Friday for our link school in Malawi.

Although a little early, may I wish everyone a happy and enjoyable Easter holiday. Children return to school on Monday 17th April.