# St Margaret's C.E.P. School

# Newsletter

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

# Wednesday 3rd May

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## **Swimming**

Just before we enjoyed the Easter break, the children listed below achieved the following distances:

10m-Alfie G, Esme

15m—Isaac

25m Sophie M and Archie B

50m-Teddy, Oscar and Joshua W

100m-Matilda and Olivia

200m—Sophie C, Halo, Annie, Emilia, Alfie B and Harris

400m-Harry A, Harry H and Kris

600m—Fran, Freya, Robyn, Ned R and Joshua S

Congratulations to them all.

## Starfish Malawi

We have been enjoying links with our partner school Kaputu in Salima. The school is in central Malawi and the pupils range from 6 – 16 years. The wide age range is due to the fact that pupils repeat the year if they do not pass the end of year exam. School is free, but not compulsory. There used to be a heavy drop-out rate but the school's role has increased from 100 pupils to 1155 today!

Thanks to modern technology, we have joined the school via WhatsApp and we received photographs of how the children access water in their school and also within the community. Eco Club were keen to reply with some questions to learn more about the school and also sent some photographs in return.

We were fortunate to welcome Cathy from Starfish Malawi, to take worship for us and then visit each classroom. She spent the morning explaining the charity's ambition for every child in their schools to have access to clean, fresh water to drink.

We are soon planning to send a special gift to Malawi with one of the representatives – a scrapbook from all of the pupils in our school, along-side photographs and facts about local life in Collier Street. This will be a great way of making personal links with the pupils and broadening our understanding of life in different cultures.

Thank you again for the 86 water bottles donated at the Easter Service. They have now been packed and are ready for shipping to Malawi.

## Diary up to 21 July 23

Fri 5th—Coronation Celebration. Children to wear into school the crowns 'fit for a King' they have designed and made at home. There's a rather special prize for the winner in each year group.

Tues 9th Year 6 SATS start

Fri 12th FOCSS Quiz Night

Mon 15th Year 5 Spoken English competition being judged

Wed 17th 7.00pm Year 4/5 Secondary School meeting in the school hall

Fri 19th FOCSS Pizza and Cookie Dough Sale after school

Mon 22nd Year 6 Residential/ Bikeability for Year 5

Fri 26th End of term 5

Mon 29th–Fri 2nd June May Holiday

Mon 5th June Staff Dev Day-School closed

Tues 6th Start of term 6 for children

Mon 12th Year 6 to Benenden School for an art project as part of our Spiritual Garden

Tues 13th Year 6 Safety in Action

Wed 14th Year 1 Phonics testing

Thurs 15th Non- school uniform day for every child who brings a bottle for the bottle stall at the Pet Show

Fri 16th Hotshotz Tennis for all

Tues 20th Discovery Class trip to Herstmonceux

Wed 21st 10.00 New Year R Coffee Morning

Sat 24th Pet Show

Mon 26th Visitor delivering worship to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the NHS

Tues 27th Bramley visit to Howletts

Wed 28th PM Magistrate talking to Discovery Class

Wed 5th July Gates open at 1.20pm for Sports Day (reserve Thurs 6th)

Fri 7th KS1 Trip to Drusillas. Clubs finish.

Tues 11th 2.00pm and Thurs 13th 7.00pm Discovery Class Performances

Sat 15th FOCCS Camp Out

Mon 17th After school, informal Open Afternoon

Thurs 20th Last swim for Bramley

Fri 21st 9.15am End of academic year church service