

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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A buzz to start Term 6!

The last term of the academic year certainly started with a buzz when the children arrived back on site to discover that the work to replace the well used Trim Trail has started. This will take 2 weeks altogether with installation this week and then the safety matting next week, assuming the weather stays dry. No doubt, the School Council especially will enjoy seeing their discussions and final decision come to fruition.

A new Trim Trail represents a large investment for a school our size and I would like to take this opportunity to thank FOCSS for their considerable and generous donation.

In just over 2 weeks, the Pet Show will be held and as you know, this is the major fundraiser of the year. **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED PLEASE.** You can offer assistance by:

Donating next Thursday to the bottle tombola (children are able to wear non-school uniform for donating any bottle)

Baking cakes for the famous tea tent (well actually, the Garden Room—pls see Gemma Elliot-Dunn or Emma Howard)

Offering to set up either Friday from 3.15pm or from 9.00am on Saturday

Running a stall. An offer of just 30mins will help hugely. There will be a signing up sheet available after school over the next 2 weeks.

Offering to clear up. The clear up

is always hard work after the early morning start. Any support would be gratefully received.

Please see Kelly Rigden or Emma Howard if you can offer any of the above.

Finally, please do come along and support this largest fundraiser.

Spiritual Garden

This is also coming along well with the new benches and story telling chair having arrived. Next week, Year 6 have been invited to Benenden School, Cranbrook to undertake an art project which will then be completed by the students and staff of the school. Year 6 will be creating 4 large images depicting the story of The Parable of the Sower. This is the biblical story we have based our Christian vision on. Our vision is:

‘A rural community, learning and growing together, sharing the love of God. We believe that each individual will be inspired and nurtured so that they flourish in their learning, relationships and personal growth so that together we discover life in all its fullness.’

The parable reminds us that just as the most fertile soil allowed the seed (God's word) to grow, then as a school we need to provide the best in all aspects of Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) provision as well as academically therefore enabling every child to grow, flourish and be prepared for life.

Thank you to Elaine Mitchell and Emma Howard for their continued support for this project.

Office

Mrs Bentley's operation went well but as expected she will now be off work for most of term 6. Please remember that if you have an urgent message for the office (e.g. your child is being collected by someone else at short notice), either ensure an e-mail has been sent well in advance or please phone. Ms Coker and I will both be juggling our various roles including the office e-mail account!

Staffing

You will recall that last summer Mrs Greatrex went on maternity leave and Evelyn duly arrived! She has decided that she will take some time away from the classroom and has consequently resigned her post. Therefore, the staffing for Discovery Class will remain the same going forward. We wish Mrs Greatrex all the very best and look forward to her undertaking some supply work for us in the future.

Miss France will very soon be returning following her maternity leave and the arrival of Willow and she will be back working with the pupils in Russet Class.

School Lunches

Unfortunately, Caterlink are having to pass on the considerable increases in food costs which we have all been encountering in recent months. A school lunch from September will therefore be £2.85.

Finally, enjoy the warmer weather at the weekend.