

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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Harvest

A reminder that our Harvest collection started last Friday. All donations of food and toiletries will be much appreciated by Maidstone Day Care Centre who then support the homeless as well as families in need throughout the Borough of Maidstone. Please bring any donations to the hall. Thank you.

Last week, Starfish Malawi, one of the charities we support especially with our link school, have started an emergency appeal. Malaria is a serious issue this year and the nets they use to stop the mosquitos need replacing. A good quality replacement costs £10. Therefore at the end of the Harvest Service there will be a collection plate and all donations will go towards funding some new nets.

School Council

Elections to the School Council have taken place and the following children were elected: Year 1 Florence E-R, Year 2 Max C, Year 3 Brooke, Year 4 Halo, Year 5 Esme and Year 6 Finnan. Alice from Year 6 will be the Secretary.

Our first meeting focused on our inside lunchtime rules and the School Council are creating some posters to promote the following:

Enter the hall and leave the hall quietly.

Be well-mannered, use 'please' and 'thank you' and don't speak with your mouth full.

Talk quietly.

Put your hand up when you

want something.

During wet playtimes use games and colouring activities responsibly.

Our behaviour policy has also been reviewed and will be uploaded to the website very soon. We have moved away from our Golden Rule and introduced the Golden 5 which reflect more closely our Christian values. The Golden 5 are as follows:

Listen carefully so we learn, grow and flourish

Show friendship through kind actions and words

Respect our school and treat everyone in it fairly

Be responsible for our own actions

Practise polite manners and helpfulness to all

Break Time Snacks

It's quite a long time between breakfast and lunch especially for our youngest children so we do encourage that a healthy, fruit snack is provided for break time. Please do not provide alternatives. A piece of fruit or prepared fruit is required. Thank you for your co-operation.

Spiritual Garden

During the summer break, good progress has also been made on our Spiritual Garden with the 6 areas now clearly defined as well as the installation of the outdoor musical instruments. We took delivery from Benenden School of the tiles which have been kindly painted by them to create 4 main images depicting the Parable of the Sower. This is the biblical story we have chosen to base our vision for our school communi-

ty. At the heart of it is that we strive to create the correct 'growing' conditions for each member of the school community so that everyone continues to grow and flourish.

Once the weather conditions allow, the planting up of the garden will take place creating zones of colour and different fragrance.

Forward planning.....

It's that time to mention Christmas! I thought you would appreciate knowing that the Key-Stage 1 Nativities will take place on Wed 6th and Thurs 7th Dec starting at 2.15pm. The end of term Carol Service will take place in the church at 9.15am, Fri 15th Dec.

Vision and Values Day

Last Friday, we dedicated time for the whole school to engage in a range of activities focusing on each of our 4 Christian values of friendship, fairness, helpfulness and respect. In the afternoon, back in classes, the children studied the biblical story we have adopted of the Parable of the Sower. Displays of work created from the day will be available to see in the Welcome Area.

Summer Reading Challenge

Although this has officially ended now, we did fantastically well coming 2nd out of all the schools for the % of medals awarded and in 5th place for the % of pupils at the school who took part. Well done to everyone who kept reading during the holidays.

Have a good week.