

# 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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**Monday 20th Nov**

**Issue No: 4**

### Parent Governor Representative

Congratulations to Mr Stephen Chappell (Dad of Max in Yr 2) who will be our new parent representative on the governing body. I would like to thank him for standing and for wishing to be part of this important aspect of the school.

### Grounds

During the half term break, further progress was made with our school grounds. Elaine Mitchell has kindly provided and replaced the liner for the school pond. The construction of the Spiritual Garden has also been completed so the next stage can now commence including planting and creating zones for the children.

### Pumpkins

The 'guess the weight' and sale of pumpkins resulted in over £40 being raised for Gardening Club. Congratulations to Zach Manley for being the closest guess.....the pumpkin weighed 12.1kg.

### Year R Sep 24

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 24, please be aware that you need to apply via the Kent.gov.uk website. Please could you also e-mail the school office so that we have an indication of the number of siblings. Thank you.

### Attendance

We continue to celebrate the class with the highest attendance each week and up to last Friday, the results from September are as follows:

Russet—winners for 2 weeks

Pippin—have won 2 weeks

Bramley—have won 2 weeks and

Discovery have won 2 weeks. Yes, it's currently a tie across all 4 classes so there's everything to play for over the next few weeks! For 3 of those weeks, there was 100% attendance achieved.

### Collier Street Local History Society Exhibition

A really informative exhibition was created and displayed in St. Margaret's Church on Remembrance weekend. Last Monday morning, both Bramley and Discovery visited and gained a huge amount of information about the church, the village and the impact World War 2 had on the school. Here are some of the children's comments:

*'I learnt a lot about the war and the artefacts which have been found in and around Collier Street including gun bullets and medicine bottles.'* Leila

*'I found that there is an odd head carved into one of the pillars in the church. It's known as the Green Man, with leaves all around its head.'* Joseph

*'It was interesting to find out where the doodle bugs landed in the local area and that there were originally fields where the church and school were later built on.'* James

*'Although I really enjoyed learning about the WW2 aircraft, it shocked me to find out that some crash landed around here.'* Fabian

I would also like to add that I was never aware that in 1985, a fire caused substantial damage to the church and consequently, the church services were held in the school for the next 2 years whilst

rebuilding and restoration work was completed! There really was a wealth of information in the exhibition and Mandy and Kevin Stewart have agreed to copy much of it so we can use it in the future when the local area is studied in school.

### Diary

Fri 24th Starfish Malawi worship. 'Be Curious' visiting Russet and Bramley. FOCSS wreath making

Mon 27th Chocolate tombola competition starts

Wed 29th FOCSS committee meeting at school

Fri 1st Dec Father Paul leading worship. CLUBS FINISH

Mon 4th Drama Club performing to school

Tues 5th Nativity dress rehearsal to school

Wed 6th Final day of the chocolate tombola competition

Wed 6th and Thurs 7th Nativity performed at 2.15pm

Fri 8th Christmas Jumper Day. Please donate a minimum of £2. Christmas lunch

Sat 9th 12.00–2.00pm FOCSS Christmas Fair

Mon 11th Bramley Class carol singing at Staplehurst Manor Care Home

Wed 13th Family Trust Christmas Show. PM—KS2 Christmas Parties

Thurs 14th Church Rehearsal. PM – KS1 Christmas Parties

Fri 15th Carol Service with refreshments from 8.45am. END OF TERM

*Have a good week.*