St Margaret's, Collier Street CE Primary Newsletter Learning as we grow, Growing as we learn, Rooted in Jesus

Fri 9th February

Diary for Term 4

Fri 9th Last day of term 3

Mon 12th–Fri 16th–Feb Holiday

Mon 19th Start of term 4. Children return to school

Thurs 22nd/ Fri 23rd 3.15pm FOCSS Popcorn Film Afternoon. Tickets on sale from today.

Tues 27th/Thurs 29th Parent/ Teacher consultations

Fri 1st March Father Paul worship. After school, School Council holding their Toy Sale in aid of our link school in Malawi—see separate letter issued earlier this week.

Tues 5th March Bishop Simon of Tonbridge visiting (see below)

Wed 6th 7.30pm FOCSS Meeting

Fri 8th Combined World Book Day and World Maths Day

Fri 15th Comic Relief Day–please wear something red alongside school uniform and make a donation at the gate!

Thurs 21st FOCSS Discos

Fri 22nd Clubs finish

Tues 26th FOCSS Easter Egg Hunt (reserve Wed 27th)

Thurs 28th Church Service. END OF TERM

Fri 29th March–Fri 12th April– Easter holiday

Mon 15th April Children return to school.

Canterbury Christchurch University Student

We are pleased to be hosting a Year 2 student, Miss Charlotte Hanson who is currently undertaking a teaching degree. She is based in Bramley Class, working alongside Miss Harrison.



George, our increasingly famous Football Coach!

As he arrived to take KS1 football club last week, all classes gathered in the hall very quietly and then cheered and clapped George following Maidstone's win against Ipswich. George is a defender for Maidstone United and you may have heard they are doing quite well in the FA Cup! Good luck to him and the team later this month.

Bishop Simon

Next term we are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Simon who will be spending time with us on Tuesday 5th March. He will be leading worship, touring the classes and then has agreed to officially open the Spiritual Garden. The 4 large pictures depicting our biblical story, The Parable of the Sower will be installed by a working party including governors on Saturday. Thank you to all involved.

The parable alongside our 4 values of friendship, fairness, helpfulness and respect asks us to consider so much but fundamentally is asking everyone within this school community to consider:

• Are we creating the right

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growing conditions for each and every member to flourish?

• Consequently is God able to grow in my heart?

We are all absolutely unique with the most amazing range of talent and skills. The school is here to enable every one of those attributes to flourish.

Water Bottles

Please note that <u>water bottles</u> <u>should only contain water</u>. Squash should not be brought into school. Whilst children eat their lunch, water is provided on each table. Thank you.

Staff Development Days (SDD)

The following dates are remaining for this academic year:

- Monday 3rd June and
- Friday 12th July

Monday 2nd September 2024 will also be a SDD so next academic year (2024/25) will start for children on Tuesday 3rd September.

Children's Mental Health Week

During the week, classes have been thinking about their mental health. Year 6 led a worship on this theme earlier today. Please remember that the school website has many useful resources (under Mental Health) including this one:

https://thismayhelp.me/

Finally, may I wish everyone a good February holiday and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 19th February.