

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

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Questionnaire Results

Thank you for the terrific response to the annual questionnaire. In all we received 91 returns, 20 higher than 2023 and many helpful additional comments too. The results are attached with this newsletter. The areas where a lower rating was achieved will form part of our next Improvement Plan. Thank you again.

Gravesend Recorder Festival

Well done to the children who were exceptional ambassadors for our school. Following a rehearsal of almost 2 hours and a much needed tea break, the concert went extremely well with St. Margaret's providing a solo piece. Thank you to the parents who transported their children for this valuable opportunity to play alongside students from Gravesend Grammar as well as the Medway Adult Recorder group too. Finally, many thanks to Mrs Barton-Holman for organising, inviting us and preparing the children so well.

After School/School Clubs

Please can I ask that as soon as children have been released from their classes, adults and children leave the site promptly. Between now and July we have 4 after school clubs taking place on the playground or field and to ensure safety for these taking place, the school gate will be locked promptly. Due to safeguarding, I'm afraid parents are also not permitted to stay and watch. Thank you for your understanding.

FOCSS

FOCSS recently met and are planning many events including the all important Pet Show taking place on Saturday 22nd June. Later this week on Friday is their next fundraiser, the Fizz and Quiz evening. Tickets are on sale now.

Class Trips

A number of trips are planned or in the case of Pippin and Russet, have already taken place. The cost of coaches has increased hugely and so we are especially grateful to FOCSS for their ongoing donation towards class trips but also to Yalding Education Foundation who have donated £1200 towards enrichment activities this year. We have used all this money to keep the cost of trips as affordable as possible.

A message from Five Acre Wood School in Maidstone:

Space 2 Be Me are very excited to let you know about a **new support service we are launching specifically for neurodivergent parents and carers**. No diagnosis is required, parents/carers who are just starting to explore if they are neurodivergent are welcome. This will be an environment for parents to talk about the challenges of parenting, managing their own needs and to make connections with others. Our first meeting will take place on **Wednesday 22nd May 10:30 – 12:00 at the Howard de Walden Centre, Bluett Street Maidstone, ME14 2UG**, however we know that there will be many people out there that may be interested who cannot attend this session. Therefore, we have set up a dedicated email ad-

dress ndparent@space2beme.org.uk and would invite anyone interested in this service to email in and join a mailing list. This will help guide us on how to grow this service moving forward and work out where the demand is.

Year 6 SATS

Next week, the end of Key-stage 2 SATS for Year 6 take place. They will be tested on Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (SPAG) on Monday followed by reading on Tuesday and then 3 maths papers spread over Wednesday and Thursday. We wish them well. Next week, Year 5 will also be sitting Verbal Reasoning and Non-Verbal Reasoning tests. Data from those tests will be shared with parents just before the May holiday. The application process for the 11+ opens on Monday 3rd June.

Breakfast Club Parking

Those of you who use this facility will know that there are considerably more families now dropping off each morning. In fact there have been 2 days recently where the club has been at the 25 capacity. This is causing issues with the staff car park but especially with cars having to wait on the road on a dangerous T-junction. Going forward and mindful that the parking restrictions only apply from 8am, please can parents park outside the church and avoid using the side of the school/staff car park. Hopefully this will be much safer. Thank you for your understanding.

Have a good week.