

**St Margaret's C.E.P. School**  
**Newsletter**  
*Learning as we grow, Growing as we learn, Rooted in Jesus*

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**Wednesday 4th Sep 2024**

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### Welcome back

A very warm welcome back to school especially to the new families joining us. I hope you all enjoyed the generally good weather we had and have returned ready to face 2 of the longest terms ever! In worship, we start the year by reminding the school community of our values and this will include the Golden 5, which we use as a school to sustain the great behaviour. These are:

**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**

If you can find an opportunity to discuss these at home, that would be much appreciated.

### Diary

Thurs 5th Year R in 8.55–1.15pm

Fri 6th Year R in all day

Tues 10th Father Paul worship

Thurs 12th PESE (11+) testing all day. Mrs Whitehead starts flute lessons.

Mon 16th Clubs to start (separate letter will be issued)

Tues 17th Family Trust worship

Wed 25th 9.00 Phonics input led by Miss O'Connor taking place in

the Garden Room

Wed 2nd Oct 7.30pm FOCSS AGM at school. Please see separate message sent from the Chair, Kelly Rigden earlier this week.

Wed 9th Flu jabs for all year groups (separate letter will be issued)

Thurs 10th and Mon 14th After school, 10min appointment for the parents of new Year R children with Miss O'Connor. She will provide further details.

Fri 11th 9.15am Harvest Festival in church. Collection for Harvest will start on Friday 4th. Please bring all donations to the school hall. We will be collecting tins, packets, toiletries and other non perishable items which we will be donating to Maidstone Day Centre who provide emergency support for the homeless as well as food parcels to needy families throughout the Borough of Maidstone.

Fri 18th Individual and family photographs. If you would like younger siblings to be included, please come to the school hall at 8.45am.

Fri 25th Staff Dev Day—school shut for children

*Mon 28th Oct–Fri 1st Nov Holiday*

Mon 4th November is a Staff Development Day so children return to school on Tuesday 5th.

Tues 5th and Thurs 7th Nov Parent/Teacher Consultations

### Attendance

As I mentioned in my final newsletter last term, new attendance expectations have now come into force and with this newsletter is a separate

letter and a copy of our attendance policy. As ever, I would like to emphasise the good levels of attendance we have as a school but it is important that everyone is aware of procedures and processes which will be in place. Attendance data will now be shared with each family at the parent/teacher consultations.

### Keep.....Reading!

Congratulations to the high number of children who completed the Kent Libraries summer reading challenge. Reading is so important and so from this week, when children read 5 times per week at home and it is signed in their reading diaries, merits will be awarded.

### School Uniform

Please ensure that all school uniform is clearly named. Thank you.

### Collier St Local History Society

This coming Saturday and Sunday, the church will be open for an exhibition. Subjects include village pastimes, Collier Street 'Pest House' and the history of the village pubs. On Friday evening, there's also an evening of Kent war film with Phillip Day. More details are on the posters displayed on Discovery Classroom windows. Admission is free for all events.

### Parking

Please be aware that when dropping off for Breakfast Club, a bus is due about 7.40am. If you choose to park near the church, please leave sufficient room. Many thanks.

*Enjoy the rest of the week.*