

# St Margaret's C.E.P. School

## Newsletter

*Learning as we grow, Growing as we learn, Rooted in Jesus*

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**Tues 8th October**

**Issue No: 2**

### The School Office

Please be aware that Mrs Bentley is absent from work for the next few weeks due to a planned operation. I will be covering the office all Monday and Thursday afternoon. Ms Coker is assisting on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and governors have kindly offered to assist on a Thursday morning from 9.30am when I take Bramley swimming.

### FOCSS

Last week, FOCSS held their AGM in school. I would like to thank everyone who attended and those appointed. Kelly Rigden has relinquished her role as Chair and I would like to thank her for all that has been achieved whilst on the committee. The officer posts are now as follows:

Chair—Martha Montagne

Vice Chair—Gemma Elliott-Dunn and Emma Howard

Treasurer—Hannah Sibley

Secretary—Helen Cross and Chelsey Akam

With your support, FOCSS enable the school to do so much more. They have grand plans to reduce our energy consumption through the fitting of solar panels. Watch this space!

### Timetable

Following the October holiday, we will be making a few changes to the school day. The start and finish times are not effected nor the time the children have in class. The changes impact the morning and

are as follows:

Children will be starting their first lesson at 8.55am. Children need to be in school and registered by this time.

Worship will then take place at 10.05 for 15minutes before playtime.

The whole school will then have playtime at 10.20.

Lessons will then start again at 10.35am.

The main purpose for this change is to create a time where the whole school can focus on spelling. Spelling continues to be a weaker area for us and your support in this crucial area of a child's written work would be much appreciated. Further details will be shared at the forthcoming Parents' Evenings.

### Harvest

Thank you for the donations received so far. We are continuing to collect. Please bring them to the school hall. We are 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.

### Diary

Wed 9th Flu jabs for Yr R-6

Thurs 10th Children will be visiting the church for a quick rehearsal

Fri 11th 9.15am Harvest Service. Everyone is most welcome to join us with refreshments served from 8.45am.

Thurs 17th 11+ results to parents

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 Nov

Tues 5th and Thurs 7th Nov Parent/Teacher Consultations (Separate letter issued very soon)

Fri 15th Nov Father Paul worship

Thurs 28th Gym Competition (separate letter to be issued)

Fri 29th FOCSS Crazy Hair Day!

Tues 10th Dec 2.00pm and Wed 11th 2.00pm Nativity

Fri 13th Christmas Jumper Day and Santa Dash

Sat 14th FOCSS Christmas Fair from 12.00pm

Fri 20th 9.15am Carol Service in the church

### Playgroup

Every Monday from 10.30–12.00, a baby and toddler group is taking place in St. Margaret's Church. Hot drinks are available for £1.

Any donations of toys would be gratefully received and Linda Highwood, who is running the playgroup is happy to collect or have them dropped off at her home, which is Horns Lodge, Claygate Road.

*Have a good week.*