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

Solar Panels
We had a terrific start to the latest FoCSS fundraiser with the non school uniform day and the after school cake sale raising £411.72. Thank you to everyone including the wonderful bakers! Further enquiries are taking place to find the most effective system for the school. Last week, FoCSS issued further details.

Book Fair
Thank you to everyone who purchased books at the recent fair. We earnt almost £200 commission so each class chose £50 of books for the class Book Corners.

Pumpkin Sale
Following the success of the pumpkin harvest from the school garden, I am delighted to report that £56.50 was raised from the sale and the guess the weight competition. This money will now be used by Gardening Club to purchase seeds in the spring.

Attendance—Term 1
Many congratulations to Russet class who achieved the highest attendance for 4 out of the 8 week term. Across the school, the attendance rate is 95.9%.

Diary
Thurs 28th Nov Children representing the school at the PASS Gym Team Competition
Fri 29th Crazy Hair Day. £2 donation
Mon 2nd Dec Chocolate tombola competition starts.
Mon 9th Nativity dress rehearsal to the school
Tues 10th and Wed 11th Key-Stage 1 Nativity in the school hall from 2.15pm. The gate will open at 2.00pm. Wed 11th Last day for the chocolate tombola donations

Fri 13th Christmas Jumper Day and at 9.15am, Santa Dash around the Parish Field. Children's Christmas Lunch

Sat 14th 12.00–2pm FoCSS Christmas Fair held in the school

Mon 16th Non-school uniform day for the class who wins the FoCSS chocolate tombola competition

Tues 17th PM—Key-Stage 1 parties

Wed 18th PM—Key-Stage 2 parties

Thurs 19th PM— Pantomime
Fri 20th 9.15am Carol Service in the church. Everyone most welcome with refreshments served from 8.45am. End of term 2

Mon 23rd–Fri 3rd Christmas Holiday

Mon 6th January 2025 Start of term 3—children return to school

A message from....Kent Fostering and Supported Homes
Kent Fostering and Supported Homes are looking for new carers and hosts to join our outstanding fostering community in helping to care for some of Kent's most vulnerable children and young people. Being part of our team you'll receive excellent support, fantastic training opportunities and could really make a positive difference to a child's life. If you'd like to find out more please take a look at our website. It's never too late to give a child a second chance to shine, become the person they can be, and make a difference. For more information please give us a call on 03000 420 002, fill in our online enquiry form.

Wraparound Care
Following on from my last update, I can confirm that it is our intention that provision from 7.45–8.45am and 3.15–6.00pm will be in place by September 2025 at the latest. We will be providing it on the school site, employing our own staff. A few parents indicated that they would be interested in the 2 positions. As soon as they are advertised, I will issue an e-mail.

SEN Provision in Kent
The formal notice for Kent County Council (KCC) to improve services for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) has been lifted by the government. This development follows the news that a formal monitoring visit in April 2024 found "sustainable improvements" were being made by the local area in all nine areas of weakness identified in the 2022 inspection. *This is indeed good news.*

FoCSS Christmas Fair
It will be no surprise to anyone that the Christmas Fair is 1 of the 2 main fundraisers of each year. Your assistance before or on the day would be terrific. Can you assist with setting up from 3.15pm on Friday 13th? Perhaps run a stall for 30/60mins on the day or help with the clear up for 30mins after the event? If so, please contact any member of FoCSS.

Finally....Road Crossing Patrol
Please note that on Monday 2nd December, there will be no Crossing Patrol after school.

Have a good week.