



ST MARGARET CLITHEROW CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER No.3 - 23 September 2022

Dear Parents

MESSAGE FROM MRS SEXTON

Dear parents and carers,

We are now 3 weeks into the new term and today is the Autumn Equinox so the end of summer is nigh! The children will soon start to need to wear coats to school and be properly equipped for the colder season. Please do ensure that all uniform including coats are named, we are gathering up a bit of lost property already in the 3 schools with brand new jumpers etc that can't be returned to their rightful owners as they are un named!

We were all moved and awe inspired by the tradition, history and solemnity of the late Queen Elizabeth's funeral on Monday. We have been discussing it as part of British Values in schools. Even though it as been a short week our staff have been very busy attending curriculum meetings in various subjects facilitated by the Trust. It's in attending these meetings with other colleagues in the Trust and even within our own cluster of schools that good practice is identified and shared. We have lots to be thankful for in our schools, to quote the Psalm from this coming Sunday "Praise the Lord my Soul"

Have a good weekend

Katharine Sexton
Executive Principal

THIS WEEK

QUEEN ELIZABETH II

This week has been a shorter one than usual due to the extra Bank Holiday on Monday. We hope many families were able to watch some of the historic footage of the Queen's funeral, it was certainly moving and a very British occasion! The Teachers have spent time this week talking to their class about Monday's events, your children may want to share their thoughts with you. We also have a lovely display in school with many pictures and cards produced by the children.

Thank you to all the parents that came to 'Meet the Teacher' in the classrooms on Tuesday evening. This is a good opportunity to see where your child spends most of their day and to meet the teacher in an informal environment.

Mr Byrne, Academy Principal at St Gregory's, came to meet our Year 5 and 6 children on Tuesday, to talk about what a Secondary school is like. The children were very interested and asked many questions.

We would like to thank him for his time. We would also like to thank the parents that were able to join us.

It was lovely to meet many of our new parents on Wednesday evening at our welcome supper. This was a great way to meet our Early Years teachers and senior staff in an informal setting. Thank you for taking the time to join us.

SWIMMING LESSONS

4Willow is swimming this term on a Thursday. Your Parentpay accounts have been updated and we would very much appreciate it if you could settle the accounts as soon as possible. If you are unable to pay, please do contact the school office or myself directly, to discuss this, no children will be disadvantaged from attending.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 96.2%

Attendance this week: 95.7%

Class with most attendance this week: 3Maple with 99.6%

GENERAL INFORMATION

PLAY LUNCH

We offer the children fresh fruit each day and a biscuit on a Friday a part of their play lunch. To enable us to continue providing this for all children, we do ask for a small contribution from parents. If you paid £10.00 when your child started in Reception, you do not need to pay for the rest of their time at SMC, if not, we ask for a small contribution of £1.50 per child per year. This has been added to your Parentpay account. Please contact the school office if you have any queries. Many thanks for your continued support to enable us to provide this much needed provision for the children.

EARLY YEARS CONSULTATIONS

Early Years consultations will take place next week, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. If you have not already made an appointment, please contact the school office as the booking system has now closed.

SCHOOL CLUBS

All school clubs are now full, we have reserve lists and will let your child know if a place becomes available on their chosen club.

SCHOOL VIEWINGS

Bookings are now being taken for viewings for families who have children due to start school in September 2023. Dates are advertised on our Website, please call the school office to book a date and time. We look forward to showing you round our lovely school.

CHILD ABSENCE DUE TO ILLNESS

If your child is unwell and you are unsure whether to keep them at home, we have uploaded an easy to follow guide on our website under the Parents section.

ADVANCE NOTICE

KS1 Football Tournament - Monday 26 September (3.45-5.45pm) at SMC

Yr 6 Aylesford Priory Mass - Wednesday 28 September

Early Years Consultations - Monday 26, Tuesday 27 and Thursday 29 September

School photos by Braiswick - Wednesday 5 September - individual and sibling only

Harvest Festival - Friday 7 October

Please look on our website for a full list of upcoming events etc. You can find them under News & Events/Calendar.

PTA DATES/EVENTS

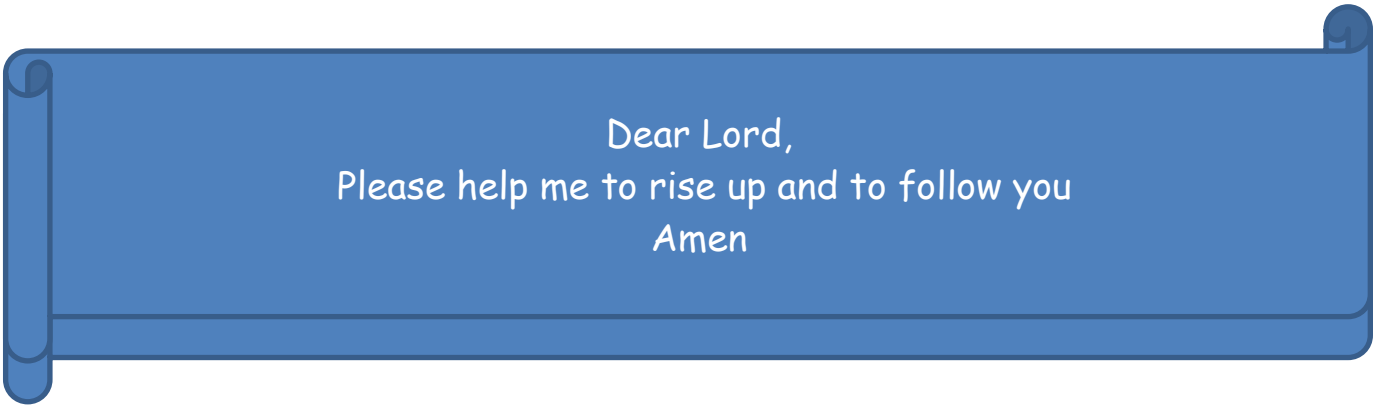
The PTA will be having a cake sale on Thursday 29 September from 3.15pm, in the bottom car park weather permitting.

There is a parent support group meeting on Monday 26 September at the school from 9am with Lily Wallis, who will be giving a talk about supporting your child's learning and development. She's also available for questions afterwards. Please provide your own refreshments.

Have a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Fiona Oubridge
Academy Principal



Dear Lord,
Please help me to rise up and to follow you
Amen