



ST MARGARET CLITHEROW CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER No3 22 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy week and doesn't seem possible that we have finished our third week of term already! The rest of the term promises to be just as busy!

### THIS WEEK:

Today, we welcomed our Year 6 children (and staff) back from their residential trip in Ashford. They haven't let the wet weather dampen their spirits and have enjoyed lots of exciting activities, some of which were raft building, bush craft and leap of faith. We are sure they will be talking about their experiences for years to come! We would like to say a huge 'thank you' to the staff that gave up their own time to support the children on this trip. There are so many lovely photos to choose from so we have uploaded more to the website Gallery.



Staff and I had a lovely evening welcoming many of our new parents to St Margaret's at the Welcome Supper on Wednesday evening. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as us and have made some contact with other parents. We would like to thank Chartwells for providing the supper

for us, it was delicious!

I have noticed this week that children are being allowed to run on the grassy bank by the bottom car park. Please could I ask all parents to ensure that children stay with them at all times and do not go on the grassy bank. Also, it should not be used as a short cut when trying to avoid crowds of parents. It can be very slippery and has seen children and adults injured in the past. I would very much appreciate your support with this.

### **HEADTEACHERS AWARDS**

This week our Headteacher awards were presented to Harry D, Ella, Clara, Pacey, Finn, Zahara, Joshua Y, Poppy, Zuleyha, Ronnie, Thomas, and Teddy. They joined Mrs Oubridge for lunch.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

May I remind parents that parking on Coblands drive way, the track running past our entrance at the top of our drive, is forbidden. This is private land owned by Coblands and they require access for their delivery vehicles at all times. Please park considerately in the surrounding area, or the 6in1 Club car park, and walk the short journey to school. Thank you.

### **CLUBS**

All clubs are now running and lists have been posted in classrooms. We still have limited space for the following clubs: KS1 ECO club, UKS2 Multi-sports and Yr 5/6 Netball club. Please email the school office if your child wishes to join one of these clubs. Thank you.

### **ECO CLUB**

Our Eco club looks at ways we can be more sustainable in school, in our community and worldwide. They look at ways that we can recycle and reuse items around the school. This week we would like to share with you a link from The Rivers Trust as they are carrying out 'The Big River Watch'. Do take a look to see how we can help. <https://theriverstrust.org/take-action/the-big-river-watch#main-content>

### **VIEWING MORNINGS**

We have now opened up viewing mornings for families with children due to start school in September 2024. Dates are available on our website 'News and Events'/School Tour, Corpus Christi church, various nursery/Pre-schools and at the school office. Please call 01732 358000 to book an appointment. We look forward to showing you around our school.

### **PLAYLUNCH**

We provide fresh fruit or vegetables 4 mornings a week and a plain biscuit one morning a week. To enable us to provide this for all children, we ask for a very small donation of £10.00 per child for their whole school life at SMC. This is a one-off payment and has been added to all families that have joined us in the last academic year including our new Reception families. All payments can be made via Parentpay. Children may bring their own fruit or biscuit for mid-morning snack but **no** chocolate or crisps, please.

### **DEVELOPMENT FUND**

As an Academy we continue to ask families to make a voluntary contribution to a School Development Fund in order to enable the continuing improvements to our school. We have suggested the amount of £50 **per family** per year. I must stress that this remains a voluntary donation and you may of course pay less - or indeed more - as your circumstances allow. Any contributions can be paid via Parentpay. Thank you!

## ADVANCE NOTICE

### EARLY YEARS CONSULTATIONS

The Early Years parent teacher consultations will take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. If you haven't booked your slot yet, please contact the school office for support with this.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Primrose class - Mrs Mathieson

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> - Primrose class - Mrs Mathieson and Bluebell class - Mrs Heaton/Mrs Lintott

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> - Bluebell class - Mrs Heaton/Mrs Lintott

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

Brunswick will be in school on Wednesday 4 October to take individual and sibling photos. These will be carried out during the morning and we will send proofs home when received. Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate uniform on this day, if it is a PE day, could they bring their cardigan/sweatshirt into school for the photos. Thank you.

### FRUGAL LUNCH

On Friday 6 October, we will be serving a frugal lunch to coincide with our Harvest Festival. The only meal that will be served by the kitchen on that day will be rice/vegetable sauce/bread. If you wish your child to take part, please book them a meal (any choice) on 6<sup>th</sup> October. If you are providing a packed lunch, we ask that it too should be frugal, so that your child can feel part of the spirit of the day.

### HARVEST CELEBRATION

In the afternoon of Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> October we will be having our Harvest celebration at 2:15pm and look forward to welcoming you to this.

### ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 97.2%

### CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESSES

[absence@st-margaret-tonbridge.kcsp.org.uk](mailto:absence@st-margaret-tonbridge.kcsp.org.uk) - for any absence requests or recording child absences. Please remember to report any absence **before 9.30am** at the latest.

[ARC@st-margaret-tonbridge.kcsp.org.uk](mailto:ARC@st-margaret-tonbridge.kcsp.org.uk) for all Breakfast and Afterschool queries

[office@st-margaret-tonbridge.kcsp.org.uk](mailto:office@st-margaret-tonbridge.kcsp.org.uk) for all other related information including emails to teachers (which will be forwarded on) - this is a confidential email address.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

6 October - children's Frugal lunch followed by Harvest Festival

10 October - Football at home -v- Hadlow Primary

11 October - AGM/PTA meeting

16 October - Personalised Plan meetings

Fiona Oubridge  
Headteacher

Dear Lord,  
Thank you for today's Bible story about forgiveness.  
Thank you that if we say sorry to you, you give us a fresh start.  
Please help us to be forgiving people here in this school.  
**Amen.**