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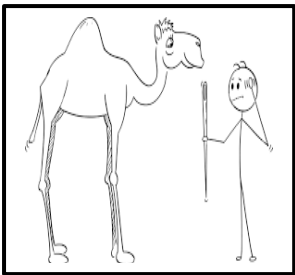
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Learning for life, loving God
Ourselves and others
Valuing all of His creation
Enabling us to do our best

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Reflection



This week in prayer and liturgy we were looking at the gospel reading where the rich man asks how he can reach the kingdom of God. The rich man was quite taken aback when Jesus said that he must give up all his possessions but Jesus explained that we need to focus on putting others first not fixating on our possessions. Ask the children to explain what Jesus meant by saying it was harder for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven than for a camel to go through the eye of a needle.

THIS WEEK



God of all, as we walk together, open our hearts to your tenderness. Open our minds to your understanding, open our lives to your challenge. We are one people, many nations, building hope through steps for peace.

Thank you to the many parents that have ensured that their children are in class and ready to learn by **8.50am** each morning. Children arriving after this time will need to sign in at the office and will be marked as late in the register, however, we do understand some parents and children are at the mercy of traffic and the buses.

I would like to reiterate that if you are running late in the morning, you will need to park off site and walk down the drive to sign your child in at the office, unless you have been given permission from me to park on site. My staff should not be shouted at by parents who wish to drive down and have been refused access to the site. We are working hard to keep all our children safe and this includes restricting cars coming on site. Thank you for your support.

PHONICS WORKSHOP

It was lovely to see many parents at the Phonics workshops on Wednesday, particularly in Reception. I hope you found it informative and useful. I would like to thank our Early Years team and Yr1 Teachers for their time in running the workshops.

CANCER AWARENESS DAY - Friday 18 October 2024

Wow! The bright colours and disco clothes (yr1/2) worn across the school today, were great! The children showed great support for Babons, who are very grateful for your support with this very important charity. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. We will confirm the total raised when all the donations have been counted.

The NHS nurse was on site on Thursday to carry out height and weight checks on children in Reception and Yr6. You will receive a report directly from the NHS.

PTA DISCO

We hope all the children that attend the disco's tonight have a great time! I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA and parent helpers for organising and volunteering your time to support these events.

GENERAL INFORMATION

SPORTING EVENTS

Our football team played their first match against Hadlow Primary school on Tuesday, with Team A winning 5-1 and Team B losing 0-2. However, despite not playing together as a team before and the challenging conditions of the field, both teams fought great matches. Team A showed improvement throughout the game and Team B had two goal line clearances and hit the post in the second half! Well done to all the players. It was also lovely to see many parents out supporting the teams. Thank you.

Unfortunately, due to the unprecedented amount of rainfall this week, our Yr 5/6 rugby event had to be cancelled as the pitch was flooded! We will let the children know when it is rescheduled.

Our Yr5 mixed football team played against Cage Green on Wednesday evening. It was an exciting game and both teams played really well with SMC winning 4-1! Well done to all the players and thank you to the parents who came to support them.



HEADTEACHER AWARDS

This week my Headteacher awards go to: Bella & Emilia (Rec), George & Sheryl (Yr1), Mia & Noah (Yr2), Ruslan & Raphael (Yr3), Arlo & Darcie (Yr4), Eloddie & Zuleya (Yr5) and Aggie & Reggie (Yr6). We are very pleased with how they have been showing respect and resilience this week. Well done.



Are there any parents/contacts who work in the building trade, who would be willing to come and quote for a small concrete base for our eco toilet? The approximate size is 4'6" x 3'6". If so, please contact the school office. Thank you!

SCIENCE PHOTO COMPETITION

Don't forget to send in your entries - deadline is Friday 15 November.



ADVANCE NOTICES

We are continuing with our viewing mornings for children due to start school in September 2024. If you have a sibling due to start at that time, please complete a Supplementary Information form and return it to the School office with a copy of the Baptism Certificate if necessary. Should you wish to book an appointment for a viewing, please contact the school office to book a viewing.

We will be saying "good-bye" to Mrs Forster next week as she moves away from Tonbridge. Mrs Forster has been part of the Early Years team for nearly 4 years. She will be very much missed by the children and staff. We would like to wish her well in her future ventures.

We will be selling Poppies and other items during the week of 4 November, some of the items are priced at 50p but donations are welcome for the poppies. Please send the children in with money during that week (note: the accessories sell quickly!).

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 96.36%

Absences should be reported to the school office before 9.30am on the first day of absence, by either calling the office or by emailing absence@st-margaret-tonbridge.kcsp.org.uk thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You can also find more events on our school calendar:

[Calendar | St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School \(stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk\)](https://stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk)

25 Oct - break up for half term

4 Nov - All children return to school following half term break

5 Nov - KCC Admissions opens for Reception places 2025

7 Nov - Outdoor classroom door (details to follow)

11 Nov - Remembrance Day

12 - 15 Nov - Parent/Teacher Consultations (booking details to follow)

13 Nov - Football match (home)

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher



Dear God,
Please help me to put other people before myself. Help us to not
worship possessions and love one another.
Amen