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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



Born to fish, called to follow

The first disciples were born into families of fishermen. Jesus called them and they gave up everything to follow Him. In our prayer and Liturgy, we will hear that God has a deeper purpose for us all. God invites us to hear His call and respond to the amazing plans He has for us.



Creator God, thank you for the wonder of a rainbow, a radiant reminder of your faithful promise and peace. Just as you bring beauty out of the rain, bring hope into my life when skies are grey. Let this sign in the heavens be a reminder that you are with me, shielding me, and holding me in your care. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THIS WEEK

A beautiful rainbow rising over the school bringing hope, promise and beauty.



As we come to the end of January, I would like to look back on some of the learning and activities that have taken place this week.

On Monday, Chartwells, our Catering company, held an assembly to talk about Healthy eating and making healthy choices. Following the assembly a group of children were chosen to meet with Chartwells to feedback their thoughts on the school meals delivered each day. We have also been in

contact with Chartwells to express some of our concerns, so we are monitoring the situation with a view to seeing an improvement in the service.

On Wednesday Reception and KS1 classes took part in the 'Toy Workshop' ran by Perform. It was a fun and active performance which the children thoroughly enjoyed being part of. If you would like details of the classes they offer you can find more details at www.perform.org.uk/try.

A group of Yr1 children took part in a Physical Literacy event at St John's Sports Centre on Wednesday afternoon. They were very excited and had lots of fun taking part in a number of different activities. Well done to all who took part!



Sporting Activities

Our Netball team played a match away to Plaxtol on Monday. They played with enthusiasm and determination and fought hard to the end. The final score was 8-4 to Plaxtol. Well done team for showing great team spirit!

GENERAL INFORMATION

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Cillian D & Arlo K (Rec), Nola P & Joshua B (Yr1), Grace H & James W (Yr2), Jacob L & Weronika K (Yr3), Alex C & Finn Q (Yr4), Iris K & Matilda L (Yr5) and Ruby P & Alex B (Yr6). We are proud of each child's individual attainments this week, they have been working hard in all areas of their learning.



National Year of Reading

We have had a lovely idea put forward to us as it is the National Year of Reading. This year, if children would like to, they could donate a preloved or new book of their choice to their class library as a gift to celebrate their own birthday. This would be instead of sweet treats. They could also write a message to their class on the inside cover. The books would be added to their class library for all the children to enjoy.

MESSAGE FROM OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS & DEPUTIES

This term in year 6 we are learning about World War 2. This week we talked about the children that were sent to the countryside also known as evacuees. On Tuesday it was Holocaust Memorial Day. It is celebrated to commemorate when the Nazis made Jewish people were forced to wear a yellow star to show that they were Jewish. They were not allowed on public transport, they had their shop windows smashed, and many were sent off to concentration camps.

It is important that we know about this so we can make sure it never happens again. We should never disrespect people because they have a different faith. As Christians we should ask ourselves - How can we put this into our daily life? From the House Captains and Deputies.

Donated Pushchairs

We have been given two pushchairs from the church to donate to any parents who may be in need of one. They are used but in very good condition. If you would like one, please collect from the school office.



ADVANCE NOTICE

School Trips

You will start to notice school trips being added to your Parentpay accounts as we organise these events for the children. We would be very grateful if you could confirm your child's attendance as soon as possible as this helps us to finalise details and organise staffing and parent helpers. If you have any questions/queries about your child's trip, please do speak to the school office or the class teacher. Thank you for your support.

PESE MEETINGS - Yr5 - Thursday 12 FEBRUARY

We would like to invite all year 5 parents to a PESE (Procedure to entry for Secondary Education) meeting on Thursday 12 February from 6.00pm-6.30pm, in the school hall. We will talk you through the process for making applications to secondary schools and considering your options. CAT scores for your child will be prepared and handed to you directly on pick up, we will let you know when they are ready. This meeting is for parents only. We have set up some appointments for any parents who wish to discuss the results individually with Mrs Thomas and myself. Details to follow separately.

PTA Children's Disco

Please see the PTA's newsletter for more details. All children, whether attending the disco or not, can wear home clothes to school for a £1.00 donation. The children should hand the money to their Class teacher. Thank you for your support.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 95.16%

Dates for your diary

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

<https://www.stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk/Parents/Calendar/>

Mon 9 Feb - Football match away to Hadlow

Wed 11 Feb - Yr5 trip to Tower of London

Thur 12 Feb - Yr1 Assembly (2.15pm start) parents welcome

Fri 13 Feb - PTA children's disco and home clothes day (£1 donation)

Mon 16 - Mon 23 Feb - Half Term (and inset)

Tues 24 Feb - All children return to school

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

Key Scripture

'And He said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him.'

Matthew 4:19-20