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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



'Jesus said to His disciples, "You are the salt of the Earth".' Matthew 5:13

In prayer and Liturgy, we discussed what this meant. Salt is a powerful commodity. It preserves, cleanses and enhances. Jesus asks us to be like salt by making the world better, bringing out the best in our lives and the lives of other in all we do, say and think.



Dear Lord, We thank you for the gift of this February half-term break, a time to pause and catch our breath. We lift up all children, staff, and families to you. Protect them in their activities and travels, and grant them safety. Lord, we pray for rest for tired minds and bodies. May this week be filled with laughter, joy, and meaningful moments together. We pray for refreshing, that all may return to school renewed, with a passion for learning and a renewed strength for the journey ahead. May your peace fill our homes and hearts this week.

THIS WEEK

Yr5 visited the Tower of London on Wednesday, the children enjoyed travelling by train to London and the walk to the tower. They had a wonderful day learning about some of the history of the Tower including William the Conqueror, the infamous prison, the Yeomans Warders and the black Ravens, to name but a few! It was a fascinating trip! Thank you to the staff and parent helpers who made this trip possible.





We have a brand new Instagram page - you can find us at [@stmargaretclitherschool](https://www.instagram.com/stmargaretclitherschool) or by clicking on the link at the top of the Newsletter. Why not take a look at our feeds and follows us to see what we have been doing in school.



National Year of Reading

Yr1 classes held a beautiful assembly for their families on Thursday, their performances and signing were lovely to hear as they told the story of *The Three Trees*. This book tells the tale of how three trees had dreams of what they wanted to become when they grew up and how their wishes come true in a surprising way! This is a wonderful book to share with your children.

Thank you to the many Yr5 parents that were able to attend the PESE meeting on Thursday, we hope you found it useful in understanding the process for Secondary Applications and Kent test applications. We have set aside a limited amount of appointment times with Mrs Oubridge and Mrs Thomas, should you require a meeting to discuss any concerns about the process. Booking details have been sent out today.

Friday was a non-uniform day to raise funds for the PTA. Many children also attended the end of term disco's that ran from Friday afternoon until early evening for different age groups. I would like to thank the PTA for organising this event and the volunteer helpers for your time, without your support we would be unable to run these events.

Sporting Activities



Due to the continuous rain and water-logged pitches, our football match was unable to take place this week. However, our Netball team were still able to play their match on Monday against Hadlow Primary. Hadlow's team consisted of Y3 and 4 pupils and played our Yr6 team. SMC won 14-0, but, we are very proud of how graciously they played against Hadlow, helping their young team to experience a friendly match and get some practice. Well done SMC netballers!

GENERAL INFORMATION

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Ollie B & Edward B (Rec), Evie W-R & Delilah P (Yr1), Eddie K & Albie C (Yr2), Thaddeus D & Amiya A (Yr3), Arianna W & Hugh Q (Yr4), Paddy D & Dominic W (Yr5) and Alex L & Milly M (Yr6). We are very proud of each child for working so hard this week, they have showed great resilience and thoughtfulness. Well done!



Signs of Spring Survey

We would love for our school to take part in the nationwide Signs of Spring survey. You can get involved by keeping an eye out for any of the ten-indicator species or seasonal events listed below. When you spot one, simply record your sighting using the short survey in the following link. [Citizen Science](#)

If you are out for a walk, you can also take a photo to send to our science email, Science@st-margaret-tonbridge.kcsp.org.uk, we would love to put together a collage of photos



School Trends

School Trends are offering a discount of 20% during the half term - 13-23 February. Follow the link to order your school uniform for the spring/summer term <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/>



ADVANCE NOTICE

40 children from our Yr4-6 choir will be attending the Young Voices concert at the O2 on Tuesday 24 February. This is always an amazing and exciting event to be part of and we are sure the choir will relish the experience.

We will be holding parent/teacher consultations from Tuesday 3 March to Friday 6 March and Wednesday 11 March (Yr5). We will send out booking details after the half term. Please note that if you attend a Personalised Plan Meeting, you do not need to attend a parent/teacher consultations too.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 95.11%

Dates for your diary

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

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

Tues 24 Feb - All children return to school

Tues 24 Feb - Young Voices concert at the O2

Wed 25 Feb - Personalised Plan meetings

Wed 25 Feb - Football match home to Plaxtol

Thurs 26 Feb - Football Tournament at St Gregory's

Mon 2 Mar - Yr 3 St Thomas - swimming for 5 weeks

Tue 3 Mar - Fri 6 Mar - parent/teacher consultations (Yr1-4 & yr6)

Wed 11 Mar - Yr5 parent/teacher consultations

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

Today in our Prayer and Liturgy we said our Act of Love prayer together...

O my God,

I love you above all things,
with my whole heart and soul,
because you are all good
and worthy of all my love.

I love my neighbour as myself
for the love of you.

I forgive all who have hurt me
and I ask pardon
of all those I have hurt.

Amen