

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

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A letter following the visit today by the NSPCC:

Dear Parent,

As you know, the NSPCC visited our school today and delivered their *Speak out. Stay safe.* assembly to share information with your child about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries. It was a very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country, and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'.

Talking PANTS with your children The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about

the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/parents



Gym-nastics Competition

20 pupils attended the Maidstone Gymnastics Competition held at Maplesden Noakes Secondary school last week and performed exceedingly well. 3 out of the 4 teams entered came 1st! They will now go on to represent the school at the Kent finals in June. Many congratulations to all involved.

Field developments...

It's great again to be able to report further progress with the field. Thanks to 6 volunteers from the local community, 3 reading domes have been created from willow. This was funded from the Tesco grant we received. I'm sure these will be very popular with the children.

It's nearly that time!

Next week, the school will all be focused on time. As many areas of the curriculum as possible will be integrated into this theme. Please use it as an opportunity to promote a better awareness of telling the time including the 24hr clock. Thank you.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you so much for purchasing books at the recent book fair. The school has received the impressive sum of £335 of free books which has been used to replenish the class book corners.

Easter Egg Hunt

A reminder that yesterday a message was sent out changing the date of the annual hunt. Please note that it will now be taking place on Thursday 4th April. This will enable Pippin to go on a very exciting trip to a rather large palace in London!

Notable dates in the summer...

I know it's very useful to know well in advance when events are planned. Here are a few of those occasions:

Sat 22nd June Pet Show

Wed 3rd July 1.30pm Sports Day
(Reserve Thurs 4th)

Wed 10th 2.00pm/Thurs 11th
7.00pm Discovery Class performances

Dementia UK

Finally, tomorrow, St. Margaret's church will be serving teas and cakes from 2-4pm in aid of the Dementia UK 'Time for a Cuppa' fundraising effort. All money raised will help specialist dementia nurses support families facing dementia.

