

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

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Staffing in Pippin

Following the announcement that Mrs Farmer is retiring, I am pleased to confirm that Mrs Anna O'Donohoe has been appointed to work on a Thursday and Friday in Pippin class from January.

FOCSS

Following the AGM at the end of October, all the Officer posts were filled. Harriet Collins has agreed to remain as Chair for the forthcoming year. I would like to thank all those who have stood down as well as the new Officers for putting themselves forward.

I cannot understate the importance of FOCSS for the school. They have contributed **£26,600** to the school in the last 14 months; a huge amount of money. This is only possible with everyone supporting the small but highly effective committee. The Christmas Fair will be here before we know it so please could I ask that everyone does their bit to ensure that the event is a great success. Your assistance before, during and after the event would be most appreciated. Look out for the requests very soon!

Charitable giving in term 2

This year we will be supporting Save the Children with Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 13th December. All donations will be gratefully received. On the same day, Caterlink will be serving Christmas Lunch. If you would like your child to take part and they don't usually have a hot lunch, please ensure payment is

made by Friday 6th December.

Recycling

Eco-club are meeting each week and one of the initiatives they have is recycling crisp packets. Please bring them in along with pens and markers which are no longer working. We continue to collect batteries too. The recycling point is in the welcome area near the office door.

Pupil Premium/ Free School Meals (Key- Stage 2)

If your child is in Key-Stage 2 and you meet the criteria listed below, then a hot lunch is provided free of charge to your child each day as well as the school receiving funding of £1300 called Pupil Premium to further support their learning.

Who is eligible for free school meals?

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax

Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Please note that families with children in Key-Stage 1 can apply for Pupil Premium so that we will receive additional money to support their learning.

If you have any questions, please come and see me.

Polling Station

There has been much talk recently how the next General Election will impede on the traditional school nativity! I'm delighted to confirm that we will not be effected. Although we will be used as a polling station on Thursday 12th December, the school will remain open as normal.

Finally.....Reading Books

From today we are entering The Sun Newspaper 'Books for School' campaign, which gives primary schools the opportunity to receive up to £600 worth of free books. From Saturday 23rd November 2019 until Saturday 18th January 2020 vouchers will be available daily in The Sun newspaper. We must collect 1750 vouchers to be eligible to receive the books. Please ask parents, carers, friends and family to collect the vouchers for you to help us reach this target. This is a fantastic opportunity for the school and your children. Vouchers can be handed in to the office where we will keep you updated on our progress. Thank you.

Wishing you all a good week.