

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

Inspire, Nurture, Discover

Learning as we grow, Growing as we learn, Rooted in Jesus

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Welcome back

I do hope that despite the rather disappointing weather, everyone was able to have a good time during the summer holiday. It looks as if we are about to have summer in the next few days!

Staff were back in school from last Wednesday. They received substantial training including whole school safeguarding updates. We were joined by members of the governing body. Some of the time was spent looking at our extensive curriculum plans. The Collier Street curriculum has a particular focus on:

- Globalisation and interdependence
- Identity and diversity
- Concern for the environment
- Self awareness and reflection/Empathy
- Critical and creative thinking

And these will be at the forefront of all that we do in the coming weeks and months.

It was really lovely to welcome pupils back last Friday including the 18 Year R who are starting with us. Year R are undertaking their induction over the coming days and then will be full time from next Monday. It was especially good to be able to hold our first worship in the hall as a whole school for over 18 months. From a rather hesitant start, the singing of the hymn certainly picked up by the third verse! The focus was the

fantastic achievements in the recent Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics and what lessons we can learn from those dedicated athletes.

Before we broke up (and incidentally on behalf of all the staff, a huge thank you for the wonderful and generous gifts we received), I mentioned that we would be identifying 'Everyday Essentials'. These were agreed by staff last week and so last Friday, the first one was launched—good manners with a particular focus on 'please' and 'thank-you'. It would be most helpful if this essential could be reinforced at home. Thank you. We are all hoping to see a real improvement in the coming days and weeks.

Finally, a reminder that we have returned to the normal start time so the gate will be opened at 8.45am and children have 10 minutes to be in school when the bell will ring and the gate will be locked at 8.55am.

Harvest

This year we will be holding a church service to celebrate this festival. We will again be collecting donations in order to support the work of Maidstone Day Centre who support the homeless and more recently low income households. They are always most grateful to receive food or toiletries.

Diary

Here are a few dates for the diary.....

Thurs 9th Sep Swimming starts for Bramley Class. PESE (11+) testing

Tues 14th Maidstone Mediation leading worship/training Year 6

Mon 20th—Clubs start (separate let-

ter issued later this week)

Tues 21st Family Trust worship

Mon 27th Harvest collection starts

Fri 1st Oct 9.15am Harvest Church Service—Everyone most welcome

Mon 11th Neil Zetter, poet, working alongside each class all day

W.b. 18th Oct—Parent/teacher consultations—more details to follow

Fri 22nd—Last day of term 1. Science themed day.

'It's good to grow' from Morrisons

We have signed up for Morrisons 'It's good to grow'. This will enable us to exchange tokens for gardening equipment. For every £10 spent in store or online, you will receive 1 Grow token which can then be donated straight to us via the app or website. The scheme runs from today until 24th Oct. You'll need to download the My-Morrisons app and head to the 'It's good to grow' section. Thank you.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that attendance at breakfast club needs to be pre-booked and paid for using the payment system as per the email issued last week.

Bower Grove Parent Support

These sessions are up and running for parents of children with SEN. There are 3 sessions planned for the autumn term. Please see the leaflet which has been issued with this newsletter for further details.

Wishing you all good week.