

# 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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**Thursday 23rd Sep**

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### **A great start!**

I must start this newsletter saying how great the children have been. We have settled break and lunch times with children really enjoying each other's company and their games. Singing is also improving too so all being well, we will be in fine voice for the Harvest Service! The 'Everyday Essentials' are having an impact too with several adults commenting that children are displaying improved manners. Family Trust also complimented the children on Tuesday. A really positive start; well done everyone.

### **Illness**

There's no doubt that COVID remains well and truly in the area. Clearly this has an impact on attendance of both children and adults. Thank you for your understanding whilst staff are either unwell or caring for their children.

If medicine needs to be administered at school, please ensure that it is handed to either Mrs Bentley or myself and that a form has been completed to give us permission.

### **Parking**

Now that all pupils are attending full time and everyone is back starting at 8.45am, I am aware that space is at a premium in the parish car park. Please ensure you park considerately. However, this may have led to more families opting to park near the BT exchange. Please avoid this. We receive complaints from general road users of how this is unsafe. Cars going in a northerly direction towards Yalding, have to move around the parked

vehicles. Please use the parish car park so that the drop off and collection for all families is as safe as we can make it. Incidentally, we are still looking to recruit a Road Crossing Patrol. If you know of anyone who would be interested, please ask them to contact the office.

### **Breakfast Club**

In order to ensure that this is as efficient as possible, we need to know how many staff to employ each day. It is therefore necessary please, to book in advance. This will then ensure that we can hold the price at £4.00 per 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 until 24th Oct. You'll need to download the MyMorrisons app and head to the 'It's good to grow' section.

### **Diary**

Mon 27th Harvest Collection starts—food and toiletries will be gratefully received for Maidstone Care Centre

Thurs 30th 9.00—The whole school will be going to St. Margaret's Church for a rehearsal of the Harvest Service (Bramley swimming as usual).

Fri 1st Oct—9.15am Church Service. Everyone most welcome. Refreshments will be served from 9.00am. Please do not park in front of the church as this will make the crossing

for the children dangerous.

Fri 8th Individual and family group photographs. If you wish pre-school children to be included, please bring them to the hall at 8.45am.

Mon 11th—Poet in school all day

Tues 19th and Wed 20th Parent/Teacher Consultations. Although a letter will be issued, please be aware that these will be on line 10 minute appointments.

Fri 22nd Last day of term 1. We will be holding a science day.

Mon 1st Nov—Children return to school

### **September 2022**

We are now offering 1:1 tours for parents who are interested in their child starting school from Sep 22. If you have a younger child due to start, please could you let the office know. Thank you.

### **IPAD Chargers**

If you have spare IPAD chargers, we would be most grateful to receive them please.

### **Mrs Brooker's Vocab Challenge!**

As part of our drive to improve the use of adventurous vocabulary, children are able to choose a word from a display. They are then encouraged to look up the definition and practise putting it into a sentence. On a Friday lunchtime when Mrs Brooker is wearing her 'special hat', children can prove that they can use the word. Merits are on offer!

*When it arrives, enjoy the weekend.*