

St Margaret's C.E.P. School

Newsletter

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A busy week

Last week felt like the 'good old days' in school! We were able to welcome numerous visitors, held special events and ran parent/teacher consultations. I hope you found these informative. We are planning to hold the next consultations at the end of February.

On Monday I launched anti-bullying week in worship with a theme this year of 'One Kind Word'. Over the week, all children took part in a range of activities to reinforce the importance of respect and building good relationships with peers.

To begin, children were encouraged to think about what kindness means and what it looks like. They reflected on times when others had shown kindness to them and how it made them feel. It was soon clear that a small act of kindness or even just one positive word can make you smile and feel good. As a result of this, Bramley Class wrote messages of kindness and thanks to each member of staff. These were gratefully received and resulted in lots of smiles. Thank you Bramley Class for complimenting my ties!

During the week, a wide range of activities took place across the school including tackling the misconceptions of bullying, understanding the impact and the importance of creating a happy supportive environment where everyone feels valued. In Pippin Class, a wreath of kindness was made, sharing positive words and acts that would brighten up anyone's day. Children thought carefully about the feelings of others and

the importance of good friendships. Russet Class have shared a range of picture books and discussed messages of friendship, similarities and differences between people. One of their particular favourites was, 'Super Duper You', by Sophy Henn. Discovery Class worked together to create an amazing and striking display offering kind words and thoughts to all members of the school. More advice and guidance regarding bullying can be found online at: Anti-Bullying Alliance.

On Friday, Mrs Bannon launched 'Mitzvah Day'. We had a range of activities displaying generosity towards others including making biscuits, creating gifts to distribute to local residents and helping to care for the school grounds. A fun but valuable day rounding off a week focused on caring and looking out for each other; something which every community needs at this time.

Looking ahead towards Christmas...

Fri 26th Nov 7.30pm FOCSS Wreath Making in the school hall. Thank you to everyone who recently supported and was involved in the FOCSS Quiz Evening.

Mon 29th—start of the chocolate tombola competition. This couldn't take place in 2020 so it can be summarised as a competition against each of the 4 classes to see who can donate the most chocolate! Children will be able to take donations to the hall each morning where FOCSS will take it away, count it and keep a running total. The winning class will have a non-school uniform day on Monday 13th Dec. Good luck!

Tues 7th and Wed 8th 2.15pm KS1 Nativity to parents held in the

school hall. I am delighted that we are very likely to be able to welcome KS1 parents to this event. In the past, you'll recall that the hall can be packed. In order to avoid this and to make the event as safe as possible, we are limiting each family to 2 tickets over the 2 days. A letter will be issued very soon asking you for your preferred day.

Wed 8th Last day for donations for the chocolate tombola

Fri 10th Christmas Jumper Day. We are asking for a donation of a minimum of £1 please for Save the Children.

Sat 11th FOCSS CHRISTMAS FAIR—Note this is 12.00–2.00pm. Offers of help gratefully received for the set up, spending some time on a stall and clearing up.

Tues 14th KS1 Party (separate letter to be issued)

Wed 15th Family Trust pantomime. PM Santa Dash—raising money for Family Trust

Thurs 16th Rehearsal in church for all classes and KS2 party afternoon (separate letter to be issued)

Fri 17th 9.15am Church Service. Refreshments will be served from 8.45am. Last day of term

Mon 20th–Mon 3rd Christmas Holiday. Staff Development Day Tuesday 4th. Children return to school on Wednesday 5th January.

Finally, reading is so important. Please do continue to support our expectation that children will read every night. Very soon, KS1 pupils will be able to access the £2500 of new guided reading books we have purchased to align with our phonics scheme, 'Little Wandle'.