

# 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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**Thurs 16th December**

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### **Christmas Tree**

A huge thank you to the Elliot-Dunn family who donated and decorated our beautiful Christmas tree this year.

### **FOCSS**

A most successful wreath making evening took place with 24 people attending. A terrific £445 was raised. Thank you to Emma Catt giving up her time and providing the expert tuition.

More recently, the Christmas Fair was also really successful raising over £2,000. Thanks to everyone for their generosity and time.

Congratulations to Pippin Class who won the chocolate tombola competition. A rather terrific (and also mind boggling!) 75.164kg of chocolate was donated.

### **KS1 Reading Books**

The 720 new books have now been 'covered' and are in the classrooms. Thank you to everyone who offered and assisted; it turned out to be quite a time consuming task! We have recently received several donations of additional reading books for Key-Stage 2. Thank you so much. The books are now in classrooms and the library so they can be enjoyed.

### **Year R Sep 2022**

A reminder that if you have a child due to start school in September, the application has to be made online by 17th January 2022.

### **Nativity**

What a welcome return it was to be able to invite Bramley and

Discovery to watch a full dress rehearsal and then hold the two subsequent performances. There was some strong singing, clear narrating and some rather special dancing too. Well done to everyone involved.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

With so many Christmas jumpers, it was terrific seeing the hall full of so much colour. We raised £157.60 for Save the Children.

### **Santa Dash**

Just under £100 was raised for Family Trust. Thank you for the many donations and well done to the children, some of whom in Discovery managed over 35 laps of the field.

### **Swimming**

Last week badge day took place and the following children achieved the distances listed below:

5m—Archie B, Loughlin, Elia

10m—Eloise, Evie

15m—Amelie, Rupert, Henry, Scarlett, William M, Lyla, Alfie B, Fran, Archie F, Harry H, Freya, Robyn, Ned, Amelia, Kris and Abigail

20m—Hazel

25m—Finnan and Harris

50m—Leila, Alice and Harry A

100m—Wren and Zack

600m—Diesel and Teddy

Every child who went swimming achieved a badge. Congratulations.

### **Calendar**

Tues 4th Jan—Staff Development Day—whole school dyslexia training

Wed 5th Children return to school

Thurs 6th Bramley Class resume swimming

Tues 18th Family Trust worship

Fri 21st Father Paul worship

Tues 1st Feb Malawi Day

Fri 11th End of term 3

*Mon 14th—Fri 18th—February Holiday*

Children return to school on Mon 21st Feb

### **Tuition**

In term 3 we are going to offer further after school tuition sessions. The class teachers will be selecting the small groups and parents will be informed. Tuition will commence w.b. 17th January.

### **Carols on the Playground!**

A reminder that tomorrow the end of term 'Carol Service' will now be held on the playground and will be a collection of carols. The weather forecast looks dry so there will be benches available to sit on for those attending. Refreshments will be available.

Finally I finish this newsletter with some really good news. After contracting Covid 12 months ago, in the last few weeks, Ms Findlay our SENCo has started to make a rapid recovery. She still has a way to go but this is terrific news.

On behalf of all the staff and governors, may I wish you all a very happy, relaxing and family centered Christmas. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Wednesday 5th January 2022.