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St Margaret Mary's Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

'Meet the Teacher'

Hopefully you have had the chance to meet your child's classteacher last night to briefly discuss how your child has settled in & receive other key pieces of information. If you were unable to make this time last night please do not hesitate to arrange a quick meeting or catch-up with the classteacher. **I would also like to send a warm welcome to the new children & their parents & families who have started in Nursery over the last few days.**

Sporting Stars!

A big well done so far to our Y4, Y5 & Y6 children who have competed as part of the School Cross Country Team during the last two weeks. Staff have commented on their super attitude & the stamina that they have displayed competing against other schools. They will complete in their final event of the autumn season on Tuesday. Good luck & well done so far! We also wish the Girls' Football Team the best of luck on Monday as they begin their league for the season. All of the children look very 'smart & sporty' in the new school kits!

School Council Elections:

This week children from Year Three to Year Six have been invited to represent their classes as a member of the School Council. The deadline for showing interest in this very important role & returning their 'manifesto' is Monday 26th September, with elections across the school taking place on Thursday 29th September. We will update you in our next newsletter with information on who has been elected.

Roald Dahl Day Celebrations:

Last Tuesday saw the children celebrate what would have been Roald Dahl's 100th Birthday. This was marked across the school with a range of fun activities around the theme of reading & Roald Dahl. Maths lessons were based on buying golden tickets & calculating ingredients for making chocolate bars; children designed & made BFG style dream-catchers with food wrappers, classes completed artwork in the style of Quentin Blake as well as a range of writing around Fantastic Mr Fox, James & the Giant Peach & many other book characters. As well as this a very special lunch for 'Golden Ticket' winners was held with Mr Willy Wonka (aka Mr Sutton), along with quizzes on the life of Roald Dahl. I would like to thank all staff & children for making it such a great day (Please see the website for pictures of some of the activities).

International Peace Day:

Today children around the school are celebrating International Peace Day through Collective Worship & prayer for promoting peace in our lives & throughout the world.

Attendance & Punctuality:

Attendance across the school has been really positive during the first few weeks back. Last week's attendance was 97.3% with a number of classes reaching 100% attendance. This just keeps us above the target that I have set, but please can I ask that you continue to support your child/children & the school in ensuring that their attendance is as high as possible & that they arrive to school at 8:55am as lessons & activities start promptly at this time. As I am sure you are aware regular absence & lateness results in crucial sessions being missed. We will continue to monitor this & support you in this ensuring that your child has the highest possible attendance & is on-time.

**Pupil Premium
Awards 2016
Local Winner**

Primary schools with
published KS2 results



Just a reminder that any absence requires a telephone call to the office in the morning of the first day & any absence above 2 days requires a medical note/evidence.

Can I also ask that you please check the school calendar to ensure that children are not taken out of school during term-time for holidays & that any leave of absence requires permission & authorisation as not doing so could result in the submission of a fine (forms for this are available from Mrs Peel in the School Office).

Stars of the Week:

A big well done to: **Eloise Mawdsley Marvin Reid Harry Castile Hattie Armstrong Ikem Obiorah George Partington Elliot Ankers Layton Aronwich Liam McCulloch Dayo Ogunjobi Leah Avalos Lacey Inman**

World MacMillan Coffee 'Afternoon':

We will be hosting a '**Coffee & Cake Afternoon**' next Friday at 2pm in support of MacMillan Cancer Trust Charity. To support us with this **we are asking for donations of cakes & biscuits to come into school on Thursday 29th September**. Children along with Mrs Doyle, our Catering Manager will be completing some baking in school next week to support this event. Further information will follow next week & be displayed on posters around the school building.

Friends of St Margaret Mary's:

A reminder about yesterday's letter explaining how we are looking for parents to support the school in a range of fund-raising & charity issues over the course of this year. Any parents interested in this are invited to a meeting explaining more on **Monday 3rd October**.

Once again thank-you for your continued support

Mr Sutton

Dates for your Diary:

Wk Bg: 26.09.16

- 28.09.16 9 am Y3/4A Class Assembly
- 30.09.16 2:30 pm Y1N Collective Worship
- 30.09.16 2pm MacMillan Coffee Afternoon - School & Dining Hall

Wk Bg: 03.10.16 - 'Harvest Festival Week'

- 03.10.16 3:10 Friends of St Margaret Mary's Meeting - School Hall
- 05.10.16 9 am Y3C Class Assembly
- 07.10.16 2:30 pm Y6P Collective Worship (Followed by refreshments)
- 07.10.16 2 pm Harvest Festival Celebration

Wk Bg: 10.10.16

- 12.10.16 9 am Y2E Class Assembly
- 14.10.16 2:30 pm Y4D Collective Worship (Followed by refreshments in the Hall)
- 14.10.16 School Celebration of Feast of St Margaret Mary's

Wk Bg: 17.10.16

- 19.10.16 9 am Y1/2C Class Assembly
- 21.10.16 2:30 pm Y3C Collective Worship (Followed by refreshments in the Hall)
- 21.10.16 3pm School Closes for October half-term

School Re-opens Monday 31st October 8:55

Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey'

