



St. Margaret's CE Primary School

Weekly Update 2nd October 2020



Reception Starters 2021

Due to the current covid crisis, we are unable to hold our usual visits/ open days for prospective new parents. We have uploaded a virtual tour of the school onto the website and have arranged several Zoom meetings for a Q&A opportunity. Please contact the office to book a place.

Harvest Festival

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we cannot hold our usual Harvest Festival and collection. We have approached the Durham Foodbank, who have requested that money donations could be collected instead of food. If you would like to donate to the Durham Foodbank, please do so via Parent Pay, labelling your donation clearly so that we can collate it and forward it on to them. Sadly, our foodbanks are in desperate need of support. As a 'community rooted in love, please give generously if you can to support this worthy cause.

House Captains

We held our annual House Captain elections this week. Well done to all the children who took the time to prepare a speech and had the courage to present it to the rest of the junior children.

Our House Captains this year are:

Godric: Harry and Imogen

Aiden-Grace and Ben

Cuthbert– Sam, Jude and Mia

Hilda– Ethan and Annabelle

Everilda– Jenny and Barney

Finan-Lottie and Tom

Bede– Evie and Bobby

Oswald– Emma and Charles



This week we have been thinking about being thankful for all of the wonderful gifts that we have in our lives. The children listened to the story of the 'Lilies in the Field ' from Matthew's Gospel.



Best wishes to the following pupils who are celebrating a birthday this week: Caitlyn Henry F Scarlett H

Harriet L Ethan Euan Stina Millie Seba Jonathan Matthew R



Thank you to the Friends of the School for organising a virtual coffee morning for our new Reception Parents. It was well received by all who attended.

Parking

This continues to be a problem, with a couple of near miss accidents being reported to school this week. The safety of our children and families is paramount. Please park safely and responsibly. Do not park over the pavement, forcing young children and parents out onto the road and please do not double park, park on the white lines or block anyone's drive. Thank you for your co-operation. The police will be making spot checks over the next few weeks to reinforce this message.



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Junior Awards...

Orange Class: Eliza Lowrie– for always producing beautifully presented work-it is always a pleasure to mark her books!

Purple Class: Lois Foster– for her super attitude to school life. Lois is always kind, helpful and polite and she always tries her best.

Brown Class: Benji Wood– for always joining in enthusiastically in lessons and having such a hardworking attitude.

White Class: Alfie Barker Lippe– for being so thoughtful, helping to give out our packs at the beginning of the day without being asked.

Mauve Class: Ejemen Iredia– for having lovely manners and being a caring and hard-working member of the class.

Grey Class: Scarlett Fox– for her consistent calm and hard-working approach in the classroom.

Gold Class: Ollie Thompson– for showing great courage in preparing and presenting his speech for House Captain.

Silver Class: Ranvir Nayyar– for showing great courage in preparing and presenting his speech for House Captain.

Roseanna Stokes –for showing great courage in preparing and presenting her speech for House Captain.

Cian Noone– for showing great courage in preparing and presenting his speech for House Captain.



Infant Awards



Red Class: William Patterson–for fantastic maths work, creating repeating patterns with 2D shapes

Harriet Malkin– for excellent sequencing of the Christian Creation story using a flow map.

Blue Class: Rorie McLardie– for learning to fasten his own coat independently, after trying hard all week

Evie Rycroft– for always being enthusiastic when trying a new idea.

Rainbow Class: Sarah Keithley– for writing an excellent retelling of Handa's Surprise

Mohammad Alateeq– .for trying hard with his reading across lots of subjects

Green Class: Maciek Kudzma– for trying so hard to work independently on his writing.

Ella Swarbrick– for an excellent retelling of Handa's Surprise, using excellent adjectives

Lilac Class: Aaradhya Vanka– for being an excellent role model for others. She always listens to instructions and gets on with her work sensibly.

Seb Coulthard–for always having a great attitude towards his work. Even when it is tricky, he approaches it with a smile!

Yellow Class: Halle Robson– for excellent work in music.

Sebastian Sillars– for his super attitude in class.

Coronavirus Update

The Department for Education have translated their guidance for parents and carers into the following languages:

Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (traditional), Chinese(simplified), French, Gujarati, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romany, Somali, Turkish, Urdu.

The link to the guidance can be found here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak?utm_source=1%20October%202020%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19



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Year Group

Messages & Reminders

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| Reception | On Friday 9th October, Reception will need to come dressed in their PE kit as they will be taking part in a fitness day. |
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| Year 2 | On Friday 9th October, Year 2 will need to come dressed in their PE kit as they will be taking part in a fitness day. |
| Year 3 | On Friday 9th October, Purple Class will need to come dressed in their PE kit as they will be taking part in a fitness day. (Orange Class will not be taking part) |
| Year 4 | |
| Year 5 | On Thursday 8th October, Grey Class will need to come dressed in their Forest Schools kit as they will be doing an Autumn bulb planting session on the Sands, which has been organised by the Durham Parish Council. Mauve Class will be doing Forest Schools on Friday 9th October. |
| Year 6 | |
| Whole School | Please complete and return our survey about remote learning, to let us know your views. |



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