



# St. Margaret's CE Primary School

Weekly Update 8th October 2021



## Sports News

Our Year 6 football team were on tremendous form this week; they played four matches on Thursday night, winning three and drawing one. Mr Rose was most impressed with the whole team, but said that Chailuka deserved a special mention for his superb performance in goal!

Unfortunately the dreadful weather on Tuesday led to the cancellation of the girl's football match and the cross country competition.

## Author Visit

Our junior children were thrilled to meet author Anna James this week, who visited school to talk about her stories and answer questions about her job as an author. She even signed copies of her book!



## Thank you

Thank you to all the parents who have been into school this week to share their skills and talents with the children in a variety of ways, from supporting with our swimmers, digging and planting with our Year 1 children and enriching our Year 3 Science topic about rocks and soils.

If any parents or grandparents would be interested in coming into school to hear readers, please contact the office. We would really appreciate some extra help in this area!

## Harvest Collection

Father Barnaby came into school to lead a special Harvest Worship. I would like to express an huge thank you to all who contributed to our harvest collection this year. As a school, we raised the phenomenal sum of £1050, which will be shared equally between the People's Kitchen in Newcastle and the Durham Foodbank.



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## Battle of Neville's Cross– Art Competition

The Parish Council have asked our school to take part in an art competition. As you may be aware, this year marks the 675th Anniversary of the Battle of Neville's Cross.

In order to commemorate this event, the Parish Council is hosting a commemorative walk on 18th October 2021 and has also been successful in a grant application to have the Cross near St. John's Road restored (you will probably see that work has started on this already).

A commemorative church service is also due to be held on 18th October and as part of this and to ensure that local school pupils are aware of this important anniversary. The parish council have invited the three local schools Durham Johnston, Neville's Cross Primary school and St. Margaret's Primary school to take part in an art competition, with artwork (no larger than either A4 or A3) displaying a key message from the history of the Battle.

If you would like to take part in the competition please send your entries into school by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October with your child's name, year group and house team they belong to (junior children will be awarded team points for entering.)

The winners from each school will be announced on 16th October and all of the artwork put on display at St. John's Church during the service.

For more information on the battle please see the following link: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle\\_of\\_Neville%27s\\_Cross](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Neville%27s_Cross)

Art work needs to be no bigger than A3

All art work to be named with child's class and house team they belong to (junior classes will be awarded house team points)

Handed in by Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October

### **Best wishes to the following pupils who are celebrating a birthday this week:**

James K    Charlie S    Scarlett H    Toby C    Alexa N

Emma S    Sarah K    Harriet L    Toby W    Joseph A

Darcy R    Henry F    Elia C    Toby T



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## Year Group

### Messages & Reminders



Reception	Reception will be taking part in an Intra-Sports Festival on Tuesday 12th October and will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit. The Infant Christmas party will be on Thursday 16th December.
Year 1	The Infant Christmas party will be on Thursday 16th December.
Year 2	The Infant Christmas party will be on Thursday 16th December.
Year 3	The Year 3 Christmas party will be on the afternoon of Thursday 9th December
Year 4	The Year 4 Christmas party will be on the afternoon of Friday 10th December.
Year 5	The Year 5 Christmas party will be on the afternoon Monday 13th December.
Year 6	The Year 6 Christmas party will be on the afternoon of Tuesday 14th December.
Whole School	