

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome Back and Hello!

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. We are now almost 2 weeks into the new term. I have been so impressed with how well the children have settled. They are already working very hard and impressing their new teachers! A special welcome to our new children in all of our year groups. We are so happy that you have joined our school family. We are excited to get to know you!

If you ever need to speak to me about anything please do speak to the school office who will be happy to arrange a convenient time for you to meet with me. The school telephone number is 01582 723430.

New Staff

This term we have welcomed a number of new staff to our team. **Mrs Morris** is our new Year 1 teacher, **Miss Sathyamoorthy** will be teaching in Year 3 and we welcome back **Mrs Halpin** who will teach every Friday in Year 5. We also welcome 2 new members to our support staff **Miss McGovern** and **Miss Kundrotaitė**. I am sure you all join me in wishing them all the best in their new roles. I have no doubt they will make a big difference to our school.

Exciting Developments!

I am delighted to say that we have a new pre-school!

St Paul's Pre School is now **St Margaret's Pre School!** The great news is, nothing has changed, we are very lucky that **Miss Newland** and her team remain at the helm and will continue to provide an amazing start to our children's education. We welcome all of the pre-school children and staff. We are very excited to have the opportunity to work more closely with you! To phone the Pre-School please dial the school number (01582 723430) and then use extension number 2130.

Class Teachers

Please find below a list of class teachers for this academic year:

Year	Class	Teacher
Pre-School		Miss Newland
Reception	St Clare	Mrs Cook
	St Bernadette	Miss Chance
Year 1	St Clare	Miss Morris
	St Francis	Miss Zulfiqar
Year 2	St Bernadette	Mrs Greene
	St Francis	Miss Greenwell
Year 3	St Clare	Miss Sathyamoorthy
	St Bernadette	Miss McCabe
Year 4	St Bernadette	Miss Nazir
	St Francis	Mrs Hatchell
Year 5	St Francis	Miss Thelwell / Mrs Halpin
	St Clare	Mrs Brogan
Year 6	St Clare	Mrs Ahmed
	St Bernadette	Miss Waller
	St Francis	Mrs Dilkes

Congratulations

Some exciting news, during the summer holiday **Miss Caulfield** gave birth to her first child, a little boy, Cillian. This is amazing news and we are all very happy for Miss Caulfield. Hopefully we will see both of them soon!

Meet the Teacher, Year 1 to Year 6

Next **Wednesday, 20th September 2023**, we would like to invite you into school to meet your child's class teacher. Please collect your children as normal at the end of the school day and then make your way to the Key Stage 2 hall. I will lead a short presentation before you will be able to visit your child's class.

Class teachers will be leading their own short presentation in their classes. These will run twice. Once at 3.20 and then at 3.45. This will give parents the opportunity to visit 2 classes. If you need to visit more than 2 classes please do not worry as we will be sending home the information shared in the classroom via Parentmail.

If your child attends an after-school club on Wednesday until 4pm you can still meet their teacher and attend the repeat presentation by myself at 3:50pm. Please come through the main office and you will be shown to your child's classroom.

The role you play in the education of your children is so important, so please do try and attend this important event. Please see timings below:

Time	Event
3:05 – 3:20	Presentation by Mr Chiswell in the Key Stage 2 Hall
3:20 – 3:40	Class Teachers Presentation sharing information for the year ahead.
3:45 – 4:05	A repeat of Class Teachers Presentation sharing information for the year ahead.
4:05	End

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Keeping in Touch

This is my first newsletter of the school year, each week a new one will be sent via Parentmail. Please do take the time to read it as it will provide you with important information to help you to support your children.

Diary Dates

Please find below a table with key dates for this term and beyond, please do take note of events that effect you and your child. More information will follow regarding school trips etc.

Have a lovely weekend,

God bless,

Mr Chiswell

Dates for your Diary

(Please noted dates are subject to change and there will be new events added)

Date	Event	Time
Weds 20th Sept	Meet the Teacher	3:05 – 4:05
Weds 27th Sept	New School Year Mass for Years 4-6 in school	
Fri 30th Sept	Y2 School Trip to Whipsnade Zoo	
	Y5 & 6 Poet visitor in school	
Mon 2nd Oct	Individual & Siblings School Photos	
Mon 9th Oct	Maths Monday Y1 – 6	8.30 – 9.00
Fri 6th Oct	Schools' Mass for Faith Ambassadors at St Mary's Church Dunstable	10.00
Fri 20th Oct	Half Term Break – Return to school Mon 30th Oct	
Fri 3rd Nov	Y5 First Friday Mass at St Margaret's Church	9:00
Thurs 9th Nov	6 St Clare Class Assembly	8.30
Mon 13th Nov	Odd Socks Day	
Thurs 16th Nov	St Margaret's Feast Day – Mass at St Margaret's Church Y4 – 6	10.00
	Tea at 2	2:00 – 3:00
Tues 21st Nov	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6.30
Weds 22nd Nov	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 7.00
Thurs 23rd Nov	6 St Francis Class Assembly	8.30
Thurs 30th Nov	6 St Bernadette Class Assembly	8.30
Fri 1st Dec	Y4 First Friday Mass at St Margaret's Church	9.00
Mon 4th Dec	Meditation Monday	8.30 – 8.45
Mon 11th Dec	EYFS & Y3 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
Tues 12th Dec	Y1 & Y5 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
	Christmas Service at St Margaret's Church	5:00
Thurs 14th Dec	Y 2 & Y4 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
	Fantastic Finishes for Parents	3.00 – 3.45
Mon 18th Dec	Y6 Christmas Crafts	8.30 – 9.30
	Tasty Treats	2.00 – 2.45
Tues 19th Dec	School Movie Night	5.00 – 6.45
Weds 20th Dec	Carols on the Playground	2.30 – 3.00
	End of Advent Term – Children return to school on Mon 8th Jan 2024	