

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Being Safe on the Roads

I have been observing drop off and pick up times at school. I am afraid I have real concerns for the safety of our children and families. I have witnessed examples of cars driving too quickly on the road and cars parking inconsiderately on the pavement. Please drive slowly and carefully outside of our school. Please park on the road in the allocated spaces. Can I also ask you to be thoughtful of others and once you have dropped your child off please vacate the space you have parked in to allow another parent to use it.

Below is the link I shared last week for the Highway Code.

<https://www.gov.uk/browse/driving/highway-code-road-safety>

Harvest Festival

A reminder of our Harvest Appeal at school. Next week is the last week for you to support our chosen charity – Noah. <https://noahenterprise.org/>

We are, asking for donations of the following: tins of food, packets of pasta, rice etc. Clothes that are in good condition for adults such as jumpers, gloves, coats, shoes, toiletries, sanitary towels, hairbrushes etc.

Thank you for your support.

St Margaret Lionesses!

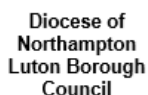
This week I had the privilege of taking 9 of our Year 5 & 6 girls to our first football league matches. What an amazing afternoon! Our girls were unbelievable! They played 4 games and ended up winning 2 of them! They scored some fantastic goals and made some brilliant tackles! I was so very proud of them and I can't wait to see them play again. A big thank you to **Mrs Dilkes**, who prepared the girls and set them up ready for the big day! Come on the girls!

Poetry

This week Year 5 and Year 6 were visited by Hip Hop Artist / Poet **Karl Nova**

<https://karlnovaworld.wordpress.com/>

The children enjoyed listening to him, learning about his work and performing with him. We should be very grateful that our children get the opportunity to spend time with such talented people. I am sure we have some budding poets in our midst!



Times Tables Rock Stars

Today you will have received a letter from **Miss Greenwell** our Maths Subject Leader regarding Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS). It is important that children learn their multiplication facts and TTRS is a great way for children to learn them. Please do download the TTRS app or visit the website <https://trockstars.com/> and allow your children to practice as much as you can! Good luck everyone!

Keep in Touch

You can follow our school on 'X' – formerly known as Twitter. Search for @SMOSschool and click follow. We are also on Instagram, search ST_MARGARETS_SHOWCASE and follow to get lots of amazing pictures of the work our amazing children do. You will also find news updates and dates for you diary on our newly revamped website.

Keeping Children safe online

This week children in Reception to Year 6 all participated in workshops focusing on online safety. The sessions really were brilliant, the feedback from children has been really positive. Staff also received training, we all found it very informative. We will be providing you with a link to access a pre-recorded online parent presentation next week. Please do take the time to watch it, you will be surprised just how much you will learn. More information to follow next week.

Attendance

We all know how important it is for children to attend school every day. I understand there may be times a child is unwell and unable to attend school, however as parents we need to ensure our children are in school each day and are on time, which is in school ready to learn by 8:30am.

Please find below attendance data for every class for this week.

Good attendance will be rewarded so please do make sure your children are in school each day. Thank you for your support.

CLASS ATTENDANCE	YEAR TO DATE	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK
Reception St Bernadette	92	89	92%↑
Reception St Clare	95	96	91%↓
1 St Francis	92	90	94%↑
1 St Clare	93	87	95%↑
2 St Francis	97	96	←96%→
2 St Bernadette	94	90	96%↑
3 St Clare	93	97	96%↓
3 St Bernadette	96	91	94%↑
4 St Francis	97	97	95%↓
4 St Bernadette	95	95	97%↑
5 St Clare	93	91	99%↑
5 St Francis	95	93	98%↑
6 St Bernadette	97	96	99%↑
6 St Clare	95	94	97%↑
6 St Francis	94	93	94%↑

Well done to **5 St Clare and 6 St Bernadette** who had the top attendance this week with **99%**!

Can a class get 100% this half - term? Go for it!

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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
Fri 20 th Oct	Half Term Break – Return to school Mon 30th Oct	
Mon 16 th Oct	Y1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo	
Fri 3 rd Nov	Y5 First Friday Mass at St Margaret's Church	9:00
Thurs 9 th Nov	6 St Clare Class Assembly	8.30
Mon 13 th Nov	Odd Socks Day	
Thurs 16 th Nov	St Margaret's Feast Day – Mass at St Margaret's Church Y4 – 6	10.00
	Tea at 2	2:00 – 3:00
Tues 21 st Nov	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6.30
Weds 22 nd Nov	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 7.00
Thurs 23 rd Nov	6 St Francis Class Assembly	8.30
Thurs 30 th Nov	6 St Bernadette Class Assembly	8.30
Fri 1 st Dec	Y4 First Friday Mass at St Margaret's Church	9.00
Mon 4 th Dec	Meditation Monday	8.30 – 8.45
Mon 11 th Dec	EYFS & Y3 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
Tues 12 th Dec	Y1 & Y5 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
	Christmas Service at St Margaret's Church	5:00
Thurs 14 th Dec	Y 2 & Y4 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
	Fantastic Finishes for Parents	3.00 – 3.45
Mon 18 th Dec	Y6 Christmas Crafts	8.30 – 9.30
	Tasty Treats	2.00 – 2.45
Tues 19 th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	
	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	