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Dear Parents / Carers,

Employment Opportunity

We are currently advertising for Teaching Assistants to join our amazing team here at St Margaret's. If you would like more information, please follow this link. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

<https://www.mynewtern.com/jobs/142263/EDV-2023-SMSCPS-24124>

Anti – Bullying Week

As you will know our children recently took part in anti – bullying workshops. To mark Anti – Bullying Week this Monday 13th November children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks. This is to highlight the fact that being different is good, if we were all the same it would be pretty boring! I look forward to seeing lots of interesting socks on Monday!

Keeping Children safe online

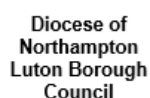
You will remember that until last Sunday you had the opportunity to watch a pre-recorded video focusing on keeping your children safe online. Thank you to the 12 parents that watched the briefing we hope you found it useful. I do hope that next time an opportunity like this is provided that more parents are able to take advantage of it. I would welcome feedback on how we can make sessions like this more accessible. If you have ideas please do get in touch.

The role you play in the education of your children is so important, so please do take opportunities we share with you.

Remembrance Day

This week **Year 6 St Clare** led a beautiful assembly focusing on Remembrance Day. The children were amazing and taught parents and children lots of things about this special annual event. I learnt that there are a number of different poppies that are worn now:

Colour	Meaning
Red Poppy	To commemorate those who sacrificed their lives in World War One and all conflicts that have followed.
Purple Poppy	To remember animals that have been victims of war.
Black Poppy	To commemorate black, African and Caribbean servicemen and women who have lost their lives.
White Poppy	To commemorate those who have lost their lives but with a focus on achieving peace.



Well done to staff and children of Year 6 St Clare!

As a school today at 11.00 am we marked Remembrance Day with a minute silence at 11,00 am.

Parent / Teacher Meetings – Tuesday 21st and Wednesday 22nd November.

A reminder, bookings are open for our parent / teacher consultations. Please do make sure you make an appointment to discuss your children as soon as you can to make sure you book a convenient time. If you need help booking a time slot please speak to the school office.

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	95%	84%	87%↑
Reception St Clare	90%	95%	97%↑
1 St Francis	93%	94%	96%↑
1 St Clare	93%	95%	97%↑
2 St Francis	96%	96%	←96%→
2 St Bernadette	94%	92%	96%↑
3 St Clare	94%	97%	←97%→
3 St Bernadette	96%	97%	←97%→
4 St Francis	97%	96%	98%↑
4 St Bernadette	95%	98%	95%↓
5 St Clare	94%	94%	←94%→
5 St Francis	95%	97%	95%↓
6 St Bernadette	97%	92%	98%↑
6 St Clare	96%	98%	95%↓
6 St Francis	95%	96%	98%↑

Well done to **XXXXXXX** who had the top attendance this week with XX%!

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

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,



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Dates for your Diary

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

Date	Event	Time
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	Reception Class Nativity Performance to Parents	9.00
	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	
	School Christmas Movie Night	5.00 – 6.45
Weds 20 th Dec	Carols on the Playground	2.30 – 3.00
	End of Advent Term – Children return to school on Mon 8th Jan 2024	