

# St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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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>

## **The Wider Curriculum**

This week I was lucky enough to accompany Year 5 to Inspire in Luton for their swimming lessons. The children were brilliant and behaved impeccably. They are also all far better swimmers than me! When we returned to walk the short distance back from the bus stop to school a number of parents engaged with their children and took swimming bags from them. Can I please ask parents not to do this, as it is unfair on children who have to bring their swimming bags back to school and also it does not support staff in ensuring children return to school safely and in a timely manner. Thank you for your support.

## **Keeping our Children Safe on the School Site**

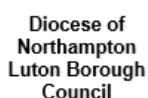
I have had reports from staff of children pressing the buzzer on the door to the Pre School and then running away. Can I please ask parents to keep their children close to them when dropping off and picking up. This will ensure behaviour of this type does not happen and most importantly keeps our children safe.

## **Children In Need**

Thank you to everyone who donated towards Children In Need this week. It was lovely to see the children dressed in their bright clothes today. A big well done to our **Pre School** children who have been selling specially decorated biscuits all week! Once we have a grand total we will share this with you!

## **St Margaret of Scotland's Feast Day**

This Thursday we celebrated the feast day of St Margaret of Scotland, our patron saint. Years 4 – 6 attended mass at our parish church. Father Eustace commented on the energy that he could feel from the children. They all sang beautifully and a big well done to the children who read so confidently.



In the afternoon you were all invited to come to school for Tea at 2 and spend time in your child's class to take part in activities focusing on St Margaret. **Mrs Forde**, our Religious Education Subject Leader, and I were blown away by how many of you came. **Over 190 of you joined us.** Thank you, we really hope you enjoyed spending time in your child's class!

### Anti – Bullying Week

Well done to everyone who wore odd socks to school on Monday to mark Anti – Bullying Week. It really is good to be different, we had some wonderful socks on show!

### Parent / Teacher Meetings – Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

Thank you to everyone who has booked an appointment to meet their child's teacher next week. Please ensure you are on time. All appointments are for a maximum of 10 minutes. I have asked teachers to be strict with this, I appreciate your support and understanding.

### Attendance

**I am concerned that we still have a significant number of children arriving late to school. Children arriving after 8:30 am are missing valuable learning time. School gates are open from 8:15 please try to arrive to school as close to 8:15 as possible.**

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	90%	84%	<b>91%↑</b>
Reception St Clare	95%	95%	<b>94%↓</b>
1 St Francis	93%	94%	<b>←94%→</b>
1 St Clare	93%	95%	<b>93%↓</b>
2 St Francis	96%	96%	<b>98%↑</b>
2 St Bernadette	94%	92%	<b>96%↑</b>
3 St Clare	94%	97%	<b>96%↓</b>
3 St Bernadette	96%	97%	<b>94%↓</b>
4 St Francis	97%	96%	<b>98%↑</b>
4 St Bernadette	95%	98%	<b>97%↓</b>
5 St Clare	94%	94%	<b>98%↑</b>
5 St Francis	95%	97%	<b>96%↓</b>
6 St Bernadette	94%	92%	<b>94%↑</b>
6 St Clare	96%	98%	<b>←98%→</b>
6 St Francis	96%	96%	<b>92%↓</b>

Well done to **2 St Francis, 5 St Clare and 6 St Clare** who had the top attendance this week with 98%!

Can a class get 100% for this class next week? 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 note dates are subject to change and there will be new events added)

Date	Event	Time
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6.30
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 7.00
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	6 St Francis Class Assembly	8.30
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	6 St Bernadette Class Assembly	8.30
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Y4 First Friday Mass at St Margaret's Church	9.00
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Meditation Monday	8.30 – 8.45
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	EYFS & Y3 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y1 & Y5 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
	Christmas Service at St Margaret's Church	5:00
Weds 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Pre School Christmas Concert</b>	<b>10.00 – 10.30</b>
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y 2 & Y4 Christmas Crafts	8:30 – 9:30
	<b>Pre School Christmas Concert</b>	<b>2.00 – 2.30</b>
	Fantastic Finishes for Parents	3.00 – 3.45
Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y6 Christmas Crafts	8.30 – 9.30
	Tasty Treats	2.00 – 2.45
Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Reception Class Nativity Performance to Parents</b>	<b>9.00</b>
	<b>Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day</b>	
	School Christmas Movie Night	5.00 – 6.45
Weds 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carols on the Playground	2.30 – 3.00
	<b>End of Advent Term – Children return to school on Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024</b>	