

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



Headteacher : Mr S Chiswell, BA Ed (Hons) NPQH
Rotheram Avenue, Luton LU1 5PP
Tel: 01582 723430
E-Mail: admin@stmargarets.luton.sch.uk
Website: www.stmargarets.luton.sch.uk



Friday 8th March 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,



Big Lent Walk

Don't forget to continue to collect sponsorship for our CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. We have been busy logging how many kilometres we have been walking as classes and we are well on our way on our virtual pilgrimage from Northampton Cathedral to Jerusalem!

You are invited to join your child's year group as they walk around our Daily Mile Track to build up our distance travelled on **Thursday 28th March**. We will be walking as follows:

0830 – 0900	Pre-School and Reception
0915 -0945	Year 1
1000 – 1030	Year 2
1045 – 1115	Year 3
1300 – 1330	Year 4
1345 – 1415	Year 5
1430 – 1500	Year 6

If you prefer to make your donations online or would like to 'follow' our progress, please use the following

link: <https://click.contact.justgiving.com/?qs=7bdea88ddf3f18302a6c4977615b9127f9befde5f08597e55266220b67e309418adeb70a4197fc0a8cfbbe9066ab1762e41dfff250130d3f>



Diocese of
Northampton
Luton Borough
Council



Tea & Toast

Julie Barnaville our family worker will be running Tea and Toast in the Family Room next Wednesday, 13th March. Come in after dropping your children off to have a chat with Julie and other parents. All are welcome. We do hope you will come along.

Meditation Monday

Thank you to those of you who attended Meditation Monday. The children love having you in school. We hope you found it a peaceful way to begin your week. Do try to join us at the next event.

Friday Celebration Assemblies

We are enjoying having some of you in our Friday Celebration Assemblies. Our children are amazing and love sharing with you their work and achievements. Don't forget if your child is going to receive a Virtues Certificate you will receive a text message inviting you. Remember don't tell your child though as it is a surprise!

Below is a table with information regarding the assemblies.

Date	Key Stage 1 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)	Key Stage 2 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)
15.3.24	2 St Francis	6 St Bernadette
22.3.24	2 St Bernadette	6 St Francis

Sponsorship Opportunity

Our school football team is looking for a new sponsor. Do you know of a company or group that would be willing to purchase the team a new football kit? The cost of this would be around £500.00. If you can help or know someone who could, please do get in touch. admin@stmargarets.luton.sch.uk

Rotherham Avenue

A reminder to be courteous to our neighbours on Rotherham Avenue when dropping and picking up your children. Do not block drive ways or park on pavements. Cars on pavements make it dangerous for children and parents to cross the road safely. Please help us to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support. Also please take extra care when crossing the roads with your children. Try to find a straight piece of road rather than crossing on the corner and always remember to check for oncoming traffic before stepping out into the road.

Shooting some Hoops!

This week I took a group of Year 6 students to our first basketball competition. The team played 3 games and represented the school brilliantly. Although we didn't win any of our games we put up a great show and were only beaten in each game by 1 or 2 baskets. Well done to everyone!

St David

This week 3 St Clare shared their class assembly. They told the story of St David, the patron saint of Wales. They taught that his final words were:

"Be joyful, keep the faith, do the little things you have seen me do."

These words really resonated with me. In my assemblies this week I have asked the children to do the little things that make a big difference. It could be just checking in on someone asking if they are OK. Maybe helping out at home a little more. We as adults too, can learn from these words. What can we all do, that may feel very small but actually has a big impact!

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



Headteacher : Mr S Chiswell, BA Ed (Hons) NPQH
Rotheram Avenue, Luton LU1 5PP
Tel: 01582 723430
E-Mail: admin@stmargarets.luton.sch.uk
Website: www.stmargarets.luton.sch.uk



Happy Mother's Day

This week our EYFS department have held a number of special events celebrating the special ladies in the lives of our children. Thank you to all of you who attended, we hope you had a lovely time. I hope you all have a restful day on Sunday!

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

Staffing

Today we said goodbye to **Miss McConnachie**. Miss McConnachie has worked at St Margaret's for almost 2 years and has been a key member of our EYFS team. She is starting a new role in another area of education. We know she is going to be amazing; her new team are very lucky to have her joining them. I am sure you all join me in wishing her all the best! I am sure she will come back and visit soon!

We are very lucky though to have appointed **Mrs Gandhi** who has already started working with the EYFS team. I am sure you will make her feel very welcome!

I also have some very exciting news, **Ms Nazir** our Y4 Year Lead is expecting her first baby! Ms Nazir will start her maternity leave at the end of this term. I am sure you join me in congratulating her and wishing her all the best at such an exciting time!

I will provide an update to Mrs Nazir's class in due course to explain who will be teaching her class next term.

Attendance

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.

LASS ATTENDANCE	YEAR TO DATE	LAST WEEK	THIS WEEK'S ATTENDANCE
Reception St Bernadette	89%	91%	94%↑
Reception St Clare	94%	94%	92%↓
1 St Francis	93%	94%	97%↑
1 St Clare	92%	93%	92%↓
2 St Francis	95%	97%	94%↓
2 St Bernadette	95%	96%	98%↑
3 St Clare	94%	94%	97%↑
3 St Bernadette	94%	92%	97%↑
4 St Francis	96%	95%	98%↑
4 St Bernadette	94%	97%	96%↓
5 St Clare	96%	96%	97%↑
5 St Francis	94%	91%	96%↑
6 St Bernadette	95%	93%	95%↑
6 St Clare	95%	97%	98%↑
6 St Francis	95%	93%	97%↑

Well done to **2 St Bernadette, 4 St Francis and 6 St Clare** who had the top attendance this week with **98%!**

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.

God bless,

Mr Chiswell

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



Headteacher : Mr S Chiswell, BA Ed (Hons) NPQH
 Rotheram Avenue, Luton LU1 5PP
 Tel: 01582 723430
 E-Mail: admin@stmargarets.luton.sch.uk
 Website: www.stmargarets.luton.sch.uk



Dates for your Diary

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

Date	Event	Time
Tues 12 th Mar	Y6 Leading Stations of the Cross at St Margaret's Church	
Thurs 14 th Mar	5 St Clare Class Assembly	
Mon 18 th Mar	Easter Service at St Margaret's Church	5.00
Tues 19 th Mar	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 6.30
Weds 20 th Mar	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 – 7.00
Tues 26 th Mar	Tasty Treats	2.00
Weds 27 th Mar	Y4's Last Swimming Lesson	
Thurs 28 th Mar	BIG LENT WALK! End of Lent Term PLEASE NOTE AFTER SCHOOL WRAP AROUND CLUB WILL NOT RUN TODAY	All children to be collected at 3.00 pm
Fri 12 th Apr	Staff Training Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 15 th Apr	1 st Day of Pentecost Term for Children	8.15
Mon 13th May – Thurs 16th May	Key Stage 2 (Year 6 SATs)	