

# St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

## **Welcome Back!**

It is lovely to be back after the Easter Break. The children appear to be well rested and ready for an exciting Pentecost Term! Please remember our school gates open at **8.15 am** and all children must be in school ready to learn for **8.30 am**. Any children who arrive at school after this time are late. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## **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](mailto:admin@stmargarets.luton.sch.uk)

## **PE Kits**

Please be reminded that children must no longer come to school in PE kits. Children will change for PE in school. There are a number of reasons that this is now the case. Some of them are:

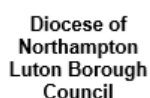
- The practice of allowing children to come to school dressed in PE kits started due to the pandemic. We are now through this, and it is important we revert to normal routines.
- Changing clothes is also a life skill and all children in secondary school will be expected to change for PE, so we are supporting children in preparing for this.
- Although I often sent reminders in my weekly newsletters that children had to come to school dressed in complete PE kits many children were not doing this, this was unfair on those children and families who were following the rules.

Please be assured this is normal practice for primary schools and staff will ensure when the children are changing it is done in a sensitive way.

Please ensure your children have their PE kits in school during the school week, they can be taken home to wash them at weekends or for younger children at the end of each half term. Thank you for your support in this matter.

## **It is Good to be Different!**

This week I have led assemblies in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 focusing on the importance of recognising that being different is a good thing, we discussed how boring it would be if we all looked the same, sounded the same and acted the same.



In Key Stage 2 I also spent some time explaining the term racism. We all agreed that racism is unacceptable and is not tolerated at St Margaret's.

Please do take some time to discuss with our children in an age-appropriate way the beauty of the differences we see in our community.

### **Tea & Toast**

Julie Barnaville our family worker will be running Tea and Toast each Wednesday in the Family Room. 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.

### **Mini Vinnies Update**

#### **Mrs Dilkes writes:**

Our fabulous group of Mini Vinnies have been very busy looking after our school environment and community over the last few weeks. Prior to our Easter break, they hand delivered Easter cards to local residents, to wish them a blessed and joyful Easter. It was such a lovely experience meeting many of our neighbours and sending them our best wishes. As part of the National Community Garden Week, the Mini Vinnies have been hard at work tidying our outside areas around the school. Trowels in hand, they have rejuvenated our outdoor garden by removing all the weeds and giving it a general tidy up. The next step is to plant some new flowers and even grow our own vegetables! Mini Vinnies are continually reminding us of the teachings of Pope Francis, that we should all continually be looking after God's creation. Well done Mini Vinnies – keep up the good work!

### **Wrap Around Club**

Please note Wrap around Club finishes at 6.00 pm. Children that are collected after this time will incur extra costs, in some circumstances children will not be allowed to use the provision. Please ensure you collect your children on time. Staff who work in our after-school club have families and commitments after school. Please be considerate. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### **Our School Badge – We Need your Help!**

Thank you to everyone who has entered our 'Design a new School Badge' competition. You have until Monday to get your entries in! More information about the competition will be shared in due course. Happy designing!

### **Goodbye Mrs Greenwell!**

Next week we say goodbye to one of longest serving members of staff. **Mrs Greenwell**, one of our amazing Teaching Assistants has worked at St Margaret's for 17 years. She has supported thousands and thousands of children in her time here, we are very lucky that she has been part of our wonderful school. Mrs Greenwell is moving on to a new challenge fulfilling a role away from education. I am sure you all join me in wishing her all the best! Good luck Mrs Greenwell, we are all going to miss you!

### **Term Dates Amendment**

Today you will have received a letter detailing plans for the weekend of Radio 1's Big Weekend. I have made the decision to close school on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**. This will now be a staff training day. To make up for this, children will return to school on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**.

More details are in the letter. Please take the time to read the letter in full.

## 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

## Dates for your Diary

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

Date	Event	Time
Mon 15th Apr	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Pentecost Term for Children	8.15 am
Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Apr	2 St Bernadette Class Assembly	8.30 am
Thurs 9 <sup>th</sup> May	1 St Clare Class Assembly	8.30 am
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Key Stage 2 (Year 6 SATs)</b>	
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	1 St Francis Class Assembly	8.30 am
<b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School Closed for Staff Training</b>	
<b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Half Term Break</b>	
<b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Start of 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term for Children</b>	
Thurs June 13 <sup>th</sup>	2 St Francis Class Assembly	8.30 am
Mon 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Maths Monday	8.30 am
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS Sports Day	TBC
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> June	KS 1 & KS 2 Sports Day	TBC
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Production to Parents	1.00 pm
Weds 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Production to Parents	6.00 pm
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Assembly	2.30 pm
Tues 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Mass @ School with parents	10.00am
Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leavers' Party	5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	End of the School Year	