

Margaretting C of E (VC) Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This week the Year 2 children have tried 'Mock SATs' and have had the experience of sitting a 'real' test. They have worked really hard and it has given Mrs Loates further opportunities to assess the children's work and check for gaps in their learning. The children will receive a little treat from me tomorrow. Year 5 and Year 6 children conducted themselves so well while they were doing assessments last week, that I managed to get free tickets for the whole class for Saturday's match at Chelmsford Football Club. Please enjoy!

I attended a conference about Understanding Christianity and our school are preparing for a SIAMS inspection. This is an inspection very much like Ofsted, which Church schools must go through every 5 years and we are due to have one very soon. I may need parents to talk to the inspectors to express their thoughts about our school as a Church school. Every parent will be notified in advance of the inspection and I will ParentMail all parents giving them the opportunity to speak to the inspector if they would like to. Revd Celia and Revd Andy have been extremely supportive. The RE focus group, a group of children who have offered to help me monitor RE in the school, are enthusiastic with lots of ideas and they have enjoyed the activities that they have done so far this year. I am sure they will impress the inspectors when they arrive.

I look forward to Cat Day tomorrow and seeing all of the children's costumes, thank you so much for supporting our Charity, the Cat's Protection.

On 16th February at 7:30pm in the Black Bull pub a meeting will be held to organise and support Margaretting Fun Day which is held on 8th July. I have offered to buy a drink for any parents who turns up to support this wonderful cause! It is a special occasion for our village and it would be great to see some representatives there.

A special parcel has just arrived in the post today, a signed copy of 'The world's worst children,' from David Walliams, a letter from him and an autographed photo. I had asked him to do an assembly but he is a little busy at present! It's always good to ask.

Enjoy half term, I hope the weather stays dry and you get a chance to relax. I look forward to seeing you on 20th February. Don't forget 4th March is 'Paint Mrs Loates' Classroom Day.' I have now purchased chocolate biscuits as well as tea and coffee to bribe anyone to help out with painting the classroom!
Best wishes, Maire O'Regan

Information: Please park carefully outside our school, parents continue to park on the zig-zag lines and put children's lives at risk. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Term Dates

(to be updated throughout the year)

10th February last day of the first half term
20th February first day of second half term
1 March to 31 March –Lent, please bring in dried or tinned foods for Chelmsford Food Bank
2 March Bishop Stephen will launch Lent at 8.40am in assembly-all welcome
4th March Paint Mrs Loates classroom
6th March Parent's evening. 3.30-6pm
31st March last day of Spring term
19th April Inset Day
20th April First day of the summer term
26th May last day of first half term
5th June first day of second half term
16th June Inset day for all students
21st of July last day of Summer term
5th Sept 2017 first day of Autumn term
20th Oct last day of first half term
23rd October first day of half term holiday
30th Oct first day of second half term
20th Dec last day of Autumn Term
4th Jan 2018 first day of Spring Term
9th Feb 2018 last day of first half term
19th Feb first day of second half term
29th March last day of second half term
17th April first day of Summer Term
7th May Bank holiday
25th May last day of first half term
4th June 2018 first day of second half term
15th June 2018 Training day
20th July last day of term

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The Headteacher's cup has been awarded to Ava again as she did not get to bring the cup home as there was a delay in the return of the cup.
 The reading award has been awarded to Cydney Smith.
 The Maths award has been awarded to Charlie Ives.
 The Dance Award has been awarded to Taya Boden.
 Certificates were awarded to Elodie Poland-Shaw, Bethany Tran, Bobbie Holyome, Ellie Hunter and Elsa Marshall.



Thank you for my card and the lovely portrait of Mrs O'Regan!



Thank you Chelmsford Football club for our free tickets! You see Mrs O takes care of us when we work really hard!



I smile as I work!



Small world play in the Early Years classroom today.