

Margaretting C of E (VC) Primary School Newsletter

Responsibility

Respect

Truthfulness

Kindness

Perseverance

Forgiveness

Date: 20th April 2017

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. The children look bright and cheerful after a good rest. All the classes have settled down to work and are ready for the new term. Our new value for this half term is Truthfulness.

The staff have spent the last two days looking at our assessment system for the school. All of the teachers and LSA's worked really hard and now our assessment is very clear and transparent. Thank you to the Governors who joined us for training also. It was worth all the hard work in the end.

Free fruit is provided for all KS1 (R, Y1 and Y2) children in England. All the KS1 children in our school are provided with and are encouraged to eat fruit at break time. As a school we have also paid for all KS2 children (Y3, Y4 Y5 and Y6) to enjoy fruit at break time, at a cost of £800 per year. After 8 months of observation, I have noticed that the KS2 children are not as inclined to eat the fruit on offer, even though we encourage them regularly. With this in mind, I would like the KS2 children to bring their own snacks from June. However the children can get used to this new idea and start to eat their own snacks from Monday 24th April if they wish. The snack can be fruit, vegetables, savoury snacks like cheese, crackers, a small sandwich or plain biscuit. Chocolate, sweets and crisps will not be allowed.

Good luck to Flynn Hamilton who will take part in football tournaments in Germany and Estonia in the next two weeks. We are so proud that he is representing (Margaretting Primary School!) West Ham and wish him the best of luck.

Good luck to Daria Paun who will be dancing in Paris this weekend at the Illest Battle. We will post photos on Twitter as she represents Margaretting Primary School in France.

Children from Year 1 and 2 will share their stories with children from Highwood School at the Lounge in Ingatestone and then enjoy a hot chocolate afterwards. Thank you to the Lounge for hosting this wonderful occasion. Who knows, I may meet these young authors at a book signing in the future!

Parents of Year 1 children are invited to attend a Forum for Parents explaining the Phonics Testing, at 7pm in Mrs Loates's classroom. The meeting should last no more than an hour.

Following parental requests in the Autumn, we started a breakfast club, which runs from 7.45am every morning. There has not been a very big uptake for this service and so it has not financially viable to continue the breakfast club in September 2017. I want to give you plenty of notice so that you can make different arrangements for the next academic year and apologise that the breakfast club can not continue.

There are some more dates added to the newsletter. Please put them in your diary. It is a busy term!

Have a good week, Máire O'Regan

Term Dates

(to be updated throughout the year)

- 21st April 6 weeks football training with the Football Association
- 22th April Sat Opening of IDA drama school at Anglo European School
- 24th April Clubs start
- 25th April Key Stage 1 Forum for parents of Y1 children-phonics testing
- 26th 10am April Some Y1 and Y2 children to The Lounge Ingatestone to share stories
- 27th April The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 7.30pm to 9.30pm
- 1st May Bank Holiday
- 8th May KS2 SATs
- 15th May KS1 SATs
- 18th May Film night 5.45pm
- 19th May Drama4all 9-12noon/Mrs O'Regan to meet the new Reception parents and children
- 26th May last day of first half term
- 5th June first day of second half term
- 7th June Move it-transition programme for Y6
- 15th June Film night 5.45pm
- 16th June Inset day-school closed**
- 7th July School Summer Fayre including Margaretting Bake Off 11am**
- 8th July Margaretting Fun Day**
- 10th July Y5 and Y6 to Anglo Dress Rehearsal of show at 1pm**
- 11th July Performance of the End of Term Play 3.30pm and 7pm at the Village Hall**
- 13th July Sports Day**
- 14th Exhibition of Work 11am**
- 17th July Reports to parents and class lists**
- 18th July Samba Drumming Workshops**
- 20th 1pm Reserve Sports Day**
- 21st of July last day of Summer term Church service Time TBC**

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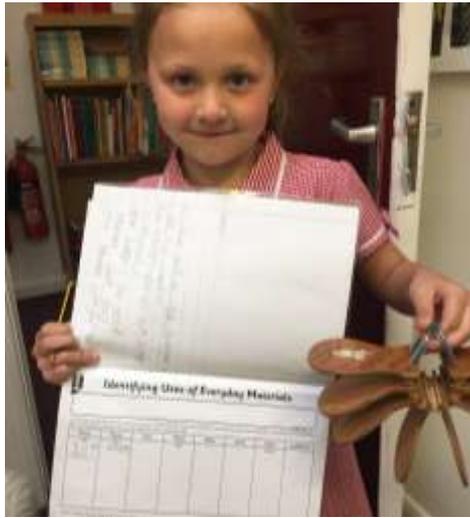
Headteacher: Máire O'Regan
Senior teacher: Kathryn Slatter
Head of Governors: Jacqueline Stringer

Information: Cashless payments will start on June 12th. Please make sure that you follow all the instructions given.



We have awarded an Easter Egg to Year 6 and Year 2 children because they have done revision over Easter.

Well done to Summer Wilson who completed her 100m swimming award and her Stage 4 swimming badge.



Looking at everyday materials around the school during Science lesson.



So proud of our children who came to school with a variety of injuries. They persevered throughout the day with help from staff and friends.



Thank you to The FA and Lauren Phillips for coaching and training our children.