

Margaretting C of E (VC) Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

On Monday this week parents were invited to a Maths Forum to learn all about Shanghai Maths. We discussed TMM and the strategies that teachers are using to support children in their learning. The parents then had an opportunity to see the children in Year 3 and Year 4, put all their skills to the test. Everyone was very impressed with the speed in which children could say their tables and answer mental arithmetic questions so quickly. Thank you to Mrs Slatter and to the children for their excellent work during the session. One parent wrote in the Comments Book, 'A great insight into what the children do in school. 'Another comment said, ' Really great to get an understanding of how the children are doing Maths. Great to see the children in action as well.' Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. I really hope it has helped you all.

On Wednesday morning the staff watched Miss Bryan and the Year 5 and Year 6 children deliver a Guided Reading Session. The children worked really hard as the rest of the teachers watched reading skills being taught. The children were able to show example of inference and skimming and scanning using a new text with great fluency. We continue to upskill our staff all the time, either using outside agencies, other schools or our own staff. Thank you to Miss Bryan, who led the session in reading.

On Wednesday evening we invited all the Year 6 parents to a talk about the forthcoming SATs tests in May. Again there was a great turn out. The children know that exams are a part of life, but more importantly that we will take good care of them during their tests. We have some excellent treats organised, for after the tests! Watch this space Year 6.

Lent starts on 1st March and this year we are going to 'give' not 'give up.' Normally people give things up for Lent, like chocolate, however as a school we have decided to 'give.' Between 1st March and 31st March, feel free to bring foods to school for Chelmsford Food Bank. Dried or tinned foods are preferable. Bishop Stephen will launch our Lent appeal on 2nd March in assembly at 8.40am. He will also speak as an author at the assemble, as it is World Book Day. Please feel free to attend this assembly and stay for tea and coffee with Bishop Stephen.

We would like to paint the Year 1,2 classroom on 4th March. Paint and paint brushes and lots of tea and coffee will be provided. Can you help? We need you! Please let Mrs O'Regan know as soon as possible. Thank you so much.

Have a great weekend. Máire O'Regan

Information: Please label all P.E. kit clearly. We have mislaid some pieces of P.E. kit recently so I would appreciate it if you would check that your child has the correct P.E. kit when you get it home at half term to wash it.

Term Dates

(to be updated throughout the year)

10th February Cat Day-dress as a cat for our charity Cats Protection and pay a pound!

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

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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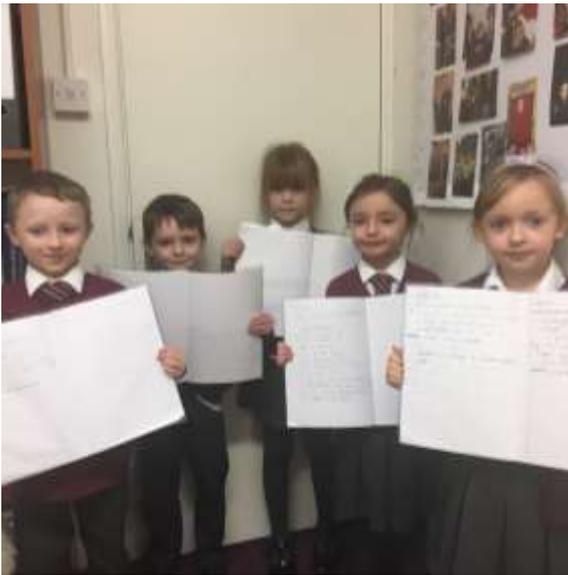


The Headteacher's cup has been awarded to Hannah Ogundele for following the values of the school and working hard this past week.



The Dance Award has been awarded to Holly Crouch
The Reading Award has been awarded to Naomi Webber-Taylor.
Ellie Fewell received distinction in her recent ballet exam. And Emma Cox was awarded a merit. Congrats!

Certificates were awarded to Franklin Griffith, Grace Davies, Lewis Hewlett and Rosalind Smyth. o



Fantastic Maths work by Year 1 and Year 2 children.



Chinese New Year.



Daria danced and made an advert yesterday. The producer said she was a star.



Thank you Year 5 and Year 6 children for helping with the Guided Reading Staff training. .