

# St Margaret's CE Newsletter

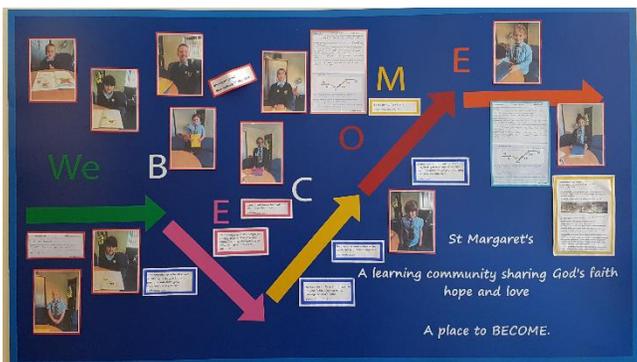
## September 2017

### Welcome Back

I hope you and your family had a fantastic summer break. It was wonderful to welcome the children back to school this morning as well as our Nursery and Reception children starting school at St Margaret's. The children's readiness to learn, reflected in their smart appearance, was encouraging to see.

### New Staff

We also welcomed our new teachers to school this morning; Miss Maguire (Reception), Miss Slater (Chamber class) and Mrs Strangwood (Oak class).



### New School Entrance

You may have noticed that over the summer we have relocated our school entrance and office. The school entrance is now in its original position at the end of the path leading from the school gates. The decision to relocate the school entrance was made for safeguarding reasons and while the new entrance will be more aesthetically welcoming, it also provides a more appropriate and safe lobby area. There are a number of small jobs to complete on the building work, including ramp access and signage, which I have been assured will be completed as soon as possible.



**Mass in Church this Friday – 9.30am.  
All welcome.**

## Assembly Theme

Our assembly this morning was about attitude and ambition and this theme will continue through the week. The children listened to the parable of the sower and reflected on the 'seeds' of opportunity they want to grow this year.

Each week details of our assembly theme are posted on our school twitter account [@stmargaretsoldh](#) along with lots of other information. Please do follow us for up to date news.

## Other Information

This week your child will bring home their class newsletter which includes timetable and curriculum information as well as their homework challenges for this half-term. These will also be put on the relevant class pages on the website after being sent home. Information regarding after-school clubs will be sent out next week.

This year we will be continuing to use Class Dojo as a way of rewarding children and communicating with parents. Over the course of the week log-ins will be sent out to ensure you are linked with your child's new class. Please do ask a member of the teaching staff if you are having difficulty with this.

Just before the summer break we received our SATs results for our year six pupils which demonstrated an improvement in the achievement of children at St Margaret's. The changes made in school last year had a positive impact which is reflected in this improvement in progress and achievement. We remain committed to on-going improvement and are excited about the upcoming year. Thank you for your continued support. As always, should you have any queries about your child's learning or welfare please do not hesitate to contact myself.

Mr D. R. Whittle (Headteacher)



## Messy Church

**Last year saw the launch of our 'Messy Church.' We are pleased that this will be continuing next year and will confirm dates over the coming weeks.**

## Place 2 Be

This year we are continuing our work with Place 2 Be which is a national charity providing emotional and therapeutic support to over 250 schools in the UK. One of the most popular aspects of this service is called Place2Talk. It is open to all pupils. They can make an appointment to spend 15 minutes with a trained counsellor, either by themselves or with a friend. On average, about a third of pupils in Place2Be schools take advantage of this service every year. Pupils often ask about friendships or any worries they may have.

Unless we hear otherwise from you, the school and Place2Be will assume that all pupils have their parent/carers' permission to come to Place2Talk. We will also assume you are happy for the school to tell Place2Be your child's name, date of birth, year group, gender and ethnicity. This information is stored securely and used solely to evaluate Place2Be's service.

To find out more, please talk to Sue Bower, our Place2Be School Project Manager. Sue is in school on Wednesdays and Thursdays and will be happy to answer any questions.