

St Margaret's CE Newsletter

February 2018

Welcome Back

Again at the start of this half-term it has been so encouraging to see the children's positive attitudes and hard work already around school. The lead up to half-term was, as always, a busy time and it was wonderful to welcome so many parents to our mass on the final day of term where Devon Class shared their reflections on 'The Golden Rule.'

Enrichment

The children's experiences continue to be enriched by visits and visitors into school. A highlight from just before we broke up was Durban Class' trip to an 'Investigate the River Medlock' session. As always, we received some excellent feedback about the children's behavior while out of school – see picture. Well done Durban Class! Highlights for this half-term will include a Baptism in Chamber Class and a 'Roman experience' for Devon Class.



The half-term has begun with our iSing Pop music project: this week all children will continue to be involved rehearsing with Jess, our iSing Pop tutor, learning catchy pop songs. The week will close with all children

recording for our very own school album and the following week children will participate in a concert in church – see overleaf for details.

St. Margaret's C.E.



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Yesterday Durban Class were lucky enough to finish their topic on Rivers with an 'Investigating the River Medlock' session at Park Bridge. Some super feedback about the children too. #superstars #enrichment #geography



Hello Kirsty, Just thought would contact you to say what superstars your children were yesterday. Quite a lot of walking and a cold day, but no complaints .. I bet they all slept well last night!!

Regards

On Sunday it was announced in church that Father David Hawthorn will be retiring in July. Father David has been the Parish Priest for 14 years and Chair of Governors at St Margaret's for 11 years. His contribution to school and the local community has been immense. His will be big shoes to fill!

Worship

Our worship continues to enhance the Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural aspects of the curriculum: children reflect on a regular basis on the weekly themes and classes continue to take turns to reflect in our worship book each term. In addition to our worship book, this year we have introduced reflection corners in each of our classrooms – providing children with a focus for our class worship and a space where they can go to be still. The picture on the right is Oak Class' contribution to the worship book this term and includes photographs of the worship area in class.



Other news

Next week we are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day. As well as 'dressing up' – either as a favourite book character or in pyjamas ready for a bedtime story - children will take part in a range of engaging book-based activities throughout the day.



Over the half-term break further development of our playground took place. The rather shabby looking area outside Beehive has been covered with artificial grass, which during the spring and summer months should provide an expansive sitting area. In addition, a canopy will be added soon; look out for other improvements to our outdoor space which will be taking place this half-term.

Well done

Congratulations to our reading raffle winners and to Bethany who was the winner of the Kindle! This week your child will be bringing home their class newsletter which includes homework challenges for this term. Thank you for your continued support in this area of your child's learning and I look forward to seeing many of you at parents' evening.

Staffing news

This week we are pleased to welcome back Miss Dunks from her maternity leave. Additionally Mr David Boswell joined the St Margaret's Team over half-term as site manager.

At the end of the week we will say goodbye to Mr Turner who is leaving after 5 years at St Margaret's - we all wish him well as he explores a new chapter and thank him for his dedication and contribution to school during his time here.

Parents' evening will take place on the last Tuesday of the term – 27th March.

Not to be missed . . .

Our iSing Pop concert will take place on **Wednesday 28th February** at 6.15pm in church. The concert will last no longer than an hour and a letter will follow this week for you to return if you would like your child to take part. Whilst all the children are participating in the music sessions in school, it would be wonderful to see as many children engaging in the live performance

