

St Margaret's CE Newsletter

September 2018

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 Shields (Reception), Miss Toal (Brook class) and Mrs Yarwood (Twist class). Our site Manager, Mr Boswell, has also joined the mid-day team and will be coaching football at lunch-time.



New pedestrian access to school

Following work done over the summer, access to school from Hive Street/Farrand Road is now fully pedestrianised. This means that entry and exit to school is safer for all. There is no longer any pedestrian access to school via the car park.



Assembly Theme

Our assembly yesterday morning was about welcoming the new school year, greetings and how we want to treat others with our words and actions. This theme will continue through the week. The children will reflect on various proverbs about the power of the words we use towards others.

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

Other news

Further improvements to our outdoor environment have been made over the summer break which reflect our ongoing commitment to providing enjoyment for all children at St Margaret's. We have a new artificial grass play area adjacent to our wild flower garden, a climbing wall (which staff have been keen to try out!) and new basketball hoops. The Beehive club has been painted and is ready to have the children's designs added which they worked on with a visiting artist in July.



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 later this week.



We will be continuing to use Class Dojo as a way of 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.

SATs results 2018

Just before the summer break we received the SATs results for our year six pupils. I am pleased to inform you that at St Margaret's the percentage of children achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths was above the national average. 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)

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Dates to be confirmed over the coming weeks.

