

# St Margaret's CE Newsletter

## November 2018

St. Margaret's C.E.



### Welcome Back

I hope you and your family have had an enjoyable half-term break. As always, it was a pleasure to welcome the children back to school this morning all looking so smart ready for their school photograph.

This year has got off to a great start with the last half-term being a busy and rewarding one. In addition to being recognized for our excellent work in RE, school was also awarded the 'Fair Aware' status for our work on Fairtrade. Our curriculum continues to be enriched through visits and visitors. Already this year children have visited Jodrell Bank, Castleshaw, Oldham Coliseum and Gallery, Werneth Park, Sea Life Centre and Oldham Council Chambers. We have been visited in school by an actor leading a Viking Day, a member of The Woodland Trust working on developing our outdoor learning, an artist who worked with the children on the Beehive building, a parent leading an Indian cookery session and visitors from El Salvador - it was fantastic to hear some of our children practising their Spanish when meeting these visitors.

### Thank you

Our pupils continue to demonstrate their leadership qualities; our School Council have organized various fundraising events including 'wear yellow' for Mental Health Awareness Day and our Harvest non-uniform day, raising over £200 for Wellsprings, a charity which supports a community in El Salvador from which our visitors come. A huge thank you for all the food contributions towards our harvest collection which was donated to Oldham Food Bank. The Macmillan coffee morning earlier in the half-term was also a success- thank you to the parents who organised the event.



Our School Council members also met the Mayor of Oldham and discussed what makes a good leader as part of a day spent at the Council Chambers. Our Health Champions are raising our awareness of health issues, this term focusing on healthy eating- their sugar drinks challenge in the hall at lunchtimes was a huge success! Our WE Schools group has formed and their work in raising awareness of the issue of homelessness is under way.

## Other News

This half-term the whole school will be studying The Great War, with this year being the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War One. We already have World War One poetry and drama workshops (Poetry and Poppies) booked as well as a return visit of Key Strings musicians who are hugely popular with the children and they will be performing using the theme of The Great War. Many of our children also have visits booked to Gallery Oldham in order to enhance their learning in history this half-term.

As always, the standard of homework last half-term was outstanding. This week your child will bring home their class newsletter and their homework challenges for the half-term. As well as the homework challenges linked to topic learning, your child also has their reading record to regularly update and weekly spellings to learn. Thank you for your continued support in these important areas of your child's learning.

In addition to the homework challenges children also have access to the Purple Mash, SPAG.com and Times Tables Rockstars online learning platforms. Purple Mash has a wide range of resources should you wish for your child to gain more practice in core maths and English skills at home. If you are unsure what your child could benefit from most then please ask their class teacher.

Prior to the half-term many of the displays were changed in school to reflect the children's current learning. I am sure you agree they look fantastic! Additionally, over the half-term holiday our prayer entrance has been set up with some interactive WW1 activities and this week each child will be making a poppy during worship time to display in this area also. Look out for the photographs on twitter!



Thank you for your continued support.

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A big well done to all members of our @stmargaretsoldh family with the @REQualityMark assessment today. A special mention for these pupils who were fantastic ambassadors in our interview and @cdefontevilha1 for all his contributions to our RE whilst @ssmagsnchads. #greatre



## Key Dates

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Whole school Diwali celebration

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov – Mass in school @ 9.30 (all welcome)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Poppies and Poetry day (KS2)

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Heron and Durban trip to Gallery Oldham

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Oak Class trip to Gallery Oldham

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov – Nursery Stay and Play

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Reception nativity performance – 2.15

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – Year Two nativity performance – 2.15

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Dinner

