

St Margaret's CE Newsletter

February 2019

St. Margaret's C.E.



Welcome Back

🏆 To continue our wonderful start to the week, these six children have been invited to compete in the national under nine chess semi-finals later in the year. A tremendous achievement; we are very proud of them! 🏆



I hope you and your family have had an enjoyable half-term; it was lovely to welcome the children back to school this morning in assembly where we talked about St David and his message, 'do the little things you have seen me do'. We thought about what the little things are that we can do to make a difference to others.

The lead up to half-term was as always, incredibly busy: over the last two weeks of the half-term we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week and our own 'Relationships Week'. In addition, congratulations are in order for both of our chess teams whom have been invited to compete in the national semi-finals later this year and

our football team who came first place in the football festival before we broke up.

Thank you

The half-term began with a wonderful Christingle celebration led by some of our older children – thank you so much for your generous donations. We raised a fantastic total of just over two hundred pounds.

Enrichment

Children continue to access a range of wide range of enrichment activities. Last half-term we extended our partnership with Dream Big Sports, who are providing 5 after school activities each week as well as specialist PE lessons. This is enabling children to receive first-class sports tuition and providing increasing opportunities for children to engage in a wider range of sporting activities and access more competitive sporting events. Other enrichment opportunities have included a trip to the Spaceport for Durban Class and a visit from the Muslim Learner Service to enhance the RE topics in some classes, as well as staff training.



World Book Day

On Tuesday 12th March we will be celebrating World Book Day in school. Children are invited to come to school



ready for a bedtime story in their pyjamas in exchange for a pound which will be donated to Book Aid (the official charity of World Book Day.) We appreciate that some of our children may not wish to wear their pyjamas but would still like to feel part of the celebrations. In this instance, rather than a minority of children coming to school in their uniform, children may come to school in non-uniform for the day in exchange for a £1 donation, allowing all children to make a valuable contribution to Book Aid should they wish to do so.

In addition this year we will be holding a 'Book in a Box' competition (see details below); if children choose to participate in this competition this will be counted as homework points for the half-term, i.e. children will only need to complete 70 points on their homework sheet if taking part in this competition.

Book in a Box (for World Book Day)



Decorate a box to represent a favourite book.

This piece of homework is worth **30 points** and will need to be ready for Tuesday 12th March.



Other News

As always, the standard of homework last half-term was outstanding. This week your child will bring home their class newsletter and 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. Regular home reading earns raffle tickets which are entered into a draw – well done to Renae who was last half term's winner.

Thank you for your continued support in these important areas of your child's learning.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 28th February – Nursery Stay and Play

Tuesday 5th March – Oak Class trip to Gallery Oldham

Wednesday 6th March – WE Schools Day @ Wembley Arena

Wednesday 6th March – Ash Wednesday Mass in school

Tuesday 12th March – World Book Day

Thursday 28th March - Nursery Stay and Play

Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd April – Easter Dance event in school

Wednesday 3rd April – Parents' Evening (letters to follow)

Thursday 4th April - Nursery Stay and Play

Friday 5th April – School finishes at 3.15pm for the Easter Holidays



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