

St Margaret's CE Newsletter

September 2019

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 for the first time. The children's readiness to learn, reflected in their smart appearance, was encouraging to see.

We also welcomed Miss Goodwin who is returning to St Margaret's and will be teaching across our upper key stage two classes.

As always there has been lots of hard work going on at St Margaret's during the school holidays – see next page for details of improvements to our outdoor environment – which culminated in the last two days where staff have spent time reflecting on our school vision of providing each child with 'A Place to Become'.

Over the last two years St Margaret's has been on an incredible journey: we were very pleased to receive our fantastic SATs results just before the summer break and are delighted 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 for the second year running. We remain committed to ongoing improvement and are excited about the upcoming year. Thank you for your continued support.



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We are loving the shadow the sun is casting this afternoon in our main entrance.

If you haven't seen our doors which were designed and completed by some of our year six children in their last week of school, why not pop down to take a look?

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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. Our old Nursery site has been transformed into an additional playground for our younger children and this term additional planting will enhance this space further. Some of our older children will be involved in the design and creation of a prayer/reflection space within this area in the months to come.



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 are pleased to be continuing our partnership with Dream Big Sports and are looking forward to offering an even greater range of enrichment activities this year.

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)

Assembly Theme

Our assembly this morning was on the theme of diversity and hope. The children were introduced to the new display in the hall 'Where in the World?' and thought about the diversity within our school community. We learnt a little about the family background of some of the adults who were in assembly and found out that they have links with many different places across the world, for example New York, Poland, Bosnia, Scotland and Wales as well as different parts of England. Over the coming weeks the display will feature a picture of each child at St Margaret's – celebrating their diverse heritage. It would be great for each child to bring in some information about their family heritage and even better some photographs which could be added to the display (see below).

Upcoming Dates

Mass @ 9.30 next Friday (13th) – all welcome

Parents' Evening will be held on Wednesday 16th October 2019.

Letters to follow.

