

St Margaret's CE Newsletter

November 2019

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.

This year has got off to a great start with the last half-term being a busy and rewarding one; we were delighted to welcome our new parish priest, Fr Tom at the beginning of October. During the last half term our sport and PE provision has continued to go from strength to strength: we have been awarded the School Games Mark Silver, our new extra-curricular clubs have been extremely well attended and on the 22nd October a number of our year six students were invited to play a game of football during half-time at an Oldham Athletic's match. Our curriculum continues to be enriched through visits and visitors. Already this year children have visited Jodrell Bank and The Oldham Coliseum and Gallery and have had visitors in school to enhance our topics of The Mayans, The Vikings and Climate Change.

Thank you

Our pupils continue to demonstrate their leadership qualities - organising our '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 focussing on friendship and development. A huge thank you for all the food contributions towards our harvest collection which was donated to Oldham Food Bank on the last day of the half-term.

St. Margaret's C.E.





Busy day at @stmargaretsoldh:
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 @VolSportOLDHAM event, year one
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 imaginary train ride and our 'Where
 in the World' map is filling up nicely.
 #GlobalCitizen #PupilLeadership
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Our 'Where in the World?' hall display has developed over the course of the last half-term and provides an excellent reminder of the wonderfully rich and diverse background of both our pupils and staff. All children and staff are featured on the wall - please do come and take a closer look if you haven't done so already.

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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Key Dates

Monday 4th Nov - Back to school

Monday 4th November - Visitor in school from The Muslim Learner Service

Monday 4th November – Friday 8th November – KSI and KS2 children taking part in Tomorrow's Engineering Week

Friday 8th Nov – Mass in school @ 9.30 (all welcome)

Friday 15th November - Children in Need Day (details to follow)

Tuesday 19th November - School Photo Day

Friday 22nd November - Just One Tree Day (details to follow)

Monday 2nd December 2019 - Greenfield School visiting Durban Class as part of Linking Project

Thursday 12th and Friday 13th December 2019 - Springs Dance Company in school

Thursday 19th December - Finish for Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January 2020 – Back to School

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