



Margarretting C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

First of all we would like to start this newsletter with a huge THANK YOU to all of you for the money that you have raised for the Trussell Trust. So far, the total amount we have raised from the Food Bank Marathon is £1350! That is such an amazing achievement and we know that this donation will go a long way to supporting the people who need it most this Christmas. Please do pass on our thanks to everyone who supported your children and donated money. We are so grateful!

Thank you also to all parents for turning up so promptly at the end of the day, taking your child straight home and maintaining social distancing in the playground. This is keeping our school community as safe as possible and follows the guidance that the Government has recommended. If you would like to wear a face covering when dropping off or collecting your child, then please feel free to do so.

Miss Bryan took the Year 6 children to the war memorial in Margarretting on Wednesday. Reverend Sally lead a beautiful tribute and the children all read a prayer or a poem. The children were very respectful and we are so proud of how they conducted themselves.

Mrs O'Regan completed an update on Child Protection on Friday. In schools in Essex 50% of Year 5 and Year 6 children, who are gaming, admitted to speaking to strangers in chat rooms. Groomers and paedophiles are using the app Tik Tok to contact children. An image posted on Tik Tok is nearly impossible to remove. Please watch your children carefully when they are using devices. The children at our school are mentioning movies and app that are not within their age range and this can lead to dangerous situations.

Remember that if you would like to join Mrs O'Regan on Zoom next Wednesday at 10:30 then please use the link sent to you in the email. She will do your best to answer any Covid-19 related questions.

Reception parents, please remember to drop your child at the black gate on Monday so they can walk in by themselves, we know they can do it!

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Thank you to those of you who took the time to fill in and return the parental questionnaires that were sent out to you last half term. The results were overwhelmingly positive, with 100% of you saying that your child is happy at school and that you would recommend Margarretting to another parent! Here are our responses:

Bullying is very rare at our school which would explain why some parents said that they did not know how effectively the school deals with bullying. Any instances of bullying are taken very seriously and well documented by Miss Bryan or Mrs O'Regan.

We have Chrome Books and iPads for the children to use in school as well as laptops. We do not advertise our full IT equipment due to security reasons. However, the children do use the most up to date equipment.

At school we have a selection of clubs, including: cooking, football, choir, karate, gymnastics and ukulele. We are also proud to keep these clubs running during lockdown. Due to Covid-19, clubs can only happen with particular bubbles in order to keep everyone safe. Teachers have special visits and trips planned for this academic year but at the moment we are not allowed to go on visits due to the Government's Covid-19 guidance.

Finally, a few parents said they were not aware of the benefits of being in the LIFE Education Trust. We joined the Trust in September 2018. Since then, the Trust have supported us with financial bids to have essential building work completed, such as having the windows replaced. We have also completed many visits to Frances Bardsley School to see the farm and the art gallery. The LIFE Ambassadors in Year 6 meet with the Ambassadors from the other schools to discuss how to make our schools better. Mr Dutnall (the CEO) supports the running of the school and in the background, a highly qualified IT technician, HR specialist, Operations Expert and the Education Specialist Consultant support our school weekly to ensure the best for your children.

Stay safe and have a lovely weekend.

Mrs M. O'Regan (Executive Headteacher, B. Mus, HDip in Ed, NPQH) and Miss M. Bryan (Head of School, BA Hons, PGCE)

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Awards

The Headteacher's Award has been awarded to Ellie Hunter.

The LOL (Love of Learning) Award has been awarded to Jessica Chapman.

The SCB Writing Award has been awarded to Henry Davey.

The Reading awards have been awarded to Fabian Kirk and Demie Smith.

The Environmental Award has been awarded to Evie Smith.

The Maths Award has been awarded to Clark Burns.

The Dance Award has been awarded to Romeo Roget.

The Arts Award has been awarded to Lucy Chapman.

The Stringer Star award has been awarded to Bobby Crouch.

The Sports Star award has been awarded to Finlay Morss.

The Lola June Homework award has been awarded to (Oscar Groves).

Certificates this week went to Skyla Osaremwind, Dollie Tabram, Ellie Hunter and Tommy Richards.

Remember to bring in achievements from outside of school too!

A snap shot of what we've been up to this week:



Here at Margaretting, and all our LIFE schools, the safety of our children is of paramount importance. With this in mind, you are welcomed to use the car park outside The Red Lion pub on Main Road when dropping off and collecting your children from school. This avoids a build up of traffic down Penny's Lane and enables our children to exit the building, and cross the road, safely. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

