



# Margaretting C of E Primary School Newsletter

*No Limits on Learning*

*With God All Things are Possible*

*(Matthew 19:26)*



**Courageous optimism**

**Boundless creativity**

**Heartfelt compassion**

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Dear Parents,

What an exciting week in school! Children in Year 1, 2 and 3 had a fantastic time at their dinosaur workshop today. It was lovely for the children to be at Roxwell so they could enjoy the experience with another one of the Primary Schools in LIFE Education Trust. The Year 3/4 children also enjoyed attending an archery competition with Mr Fewell on Tuesday. They represented our school beautifully. All children also participated in Walk with Amal activities on Wednesday. We started to follow Amal on her journey in the Summer Term and we cannot wait for her to arrive in London.

Mrs Taylor attended a safeguarding forum this week. It is worth reiterating some important points, especially the age restrictions of social media apps and sites. For most apps, children need to be 13 or above and for some it is 16. Tik Tok was noted as being one of the biggest apps for having a negative impact on children's mental health. Children as young as 7 reported seeing awful crimes and live streaming of a suicide on Tik Tok. There is a new app called Discord, where users discuss video games. This is being used by predators to ask children to send photos of themselves. These perpetrators will then use a pic search website to locate where the child lives and use this information to blackmail them. In fact, 42% of images that children have sent to a stranger online are from children between the ages of 7 and 10 years old. Also, shockingly, almost all children at primary age said that they would not tell a parent if they got into a problem online for fear of being told off. It is so important to monitor your child's use of the Internet and their phone and make sure they stick to apps that are suitable for their age.

Since the start of term, we have been talking to the children a lot about our vision and values. The first part of our vision is 'No Limits on Learning.' We believe that all children should have the best education possible and nothing should prevent them from learning. The underlying Bible message of our vision is 'With God, All Things are Possible.' This is taken from Matthew in the Bible. The children understand that we need to have belief in what we do and that God can help them, if they choose to believe. Do take time to talk to your child about our school vision.

Congratulations to Mrs Laura Barlow who we have appointed to cover Miss Howard, whilst she is on maternity leave. Mrs Barlow cannot wait to start!

Please make sure you return your child's parents' evening slip to their class teacher as soon as possible. Teachers will allocate times once we have received the slips back.

We are looking forward to welcoming new parents to the New Parent Lunch next Wednesday—what a delicious treat! Have a lovely weekend. Mrs M. O'Regan (Executive Headteacher, B. Mus, HDip in Ed, NPQH, NPQEL) and Mrs M. Taylor (Head of School, BA Hons, PGCE, NPQSL).

## TERM DATES:

6th Oct—NSPCC Speak Out and Stay Safe Assembly  
6th Oct—New Parent Lunch  
12th Oct—EYFS and Year 1/2 Fire Safety Talk  
20th Oct—Parents' Evening 3:30-7:30pm  
21st Oct—Crazy Hair Day  
22nd Oct—Harvest Festival and Year 1/2 Class Assembly 11am  
22nd Oct—Last day of Autumn 1  
**31st Oct—Year 6 deadline for applying to secondary schools**  
1st Nov—First day of Autumn  
2nd Nov—Individual and sibling photos  
3rd Nov—Open Afternoon for new EYFS parents/children  
5th Nov—PTFA Cake Sale  
11th Nov—Remembrance Service at 11am  
12th Nov—Drama Workshop for Year 1/2  
18th Nov—Non Uniform Day (please donate chocolate or a bottle of something)  
30th Nov—Carols by Candlelight at Chelmsford Cathedral 6:30pm-8:00pm  
3rd Dec—Christmas Fair  
15th Dec—School Nativity  
17th Dec—Christingle  
17th Dec—Last day of Autumn 2  
4th Jan—INSET Day  
5th Jan—INSET Day  
6th Jan—First day of Spring 1  
10th Feb—Year 5/6 Class Assembly  
10th Feb—Year 5/6 Greek Day  
10th Feb—Parents' Evening  
11th Feb—Last day of Spring 1  
21st Feb—First day of Spring 2



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**Awards**

The Headteacher's Award has been awarded to Bluebelle Barlow.  
 The LOL (Love of Learning) Award has been awarded to Rocky Wilson.  
 The SCB Writing Award has been awarded to Finlay Morss.  
 The Reading Award has been awarded to Hannah Ogundele.  
 The Maths Award has been awarded to Olivia Weeks.  
 The Arts Award has been awarded to Evie Warren.  
 The Stringer Star award has been awarded to Primrose Davey.  
 The Sports Star Award has been awarded to Xavier Kirk.  
 The Lola June Homework award has been awarded to Holly Jones.  
 Certificates this week went to Demi Frasle, Oscar Barham, Lenny Hutton and Naomi Farris.

**Please bring back awards on Monday 4th October 2021.**

**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.



Artsmark Gold Award  
Awarded by Arts Council England

