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Learning for life, loving God  
Ourselves and others  
Valuing all of His creation  
Enabling us to do our best

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### Reflection



**"I am the Good Shepherd"**

Today we talked about how we are the Sheep. We need a good shepherd to guide and help us make the right choices.

### THIS WEEK

The children have been engaged in lots of learning and activities around the school for World Earth Day. They have been looking at how we can do our bit to help save our environment and our Earth. Yr 5/6 carried out a litter pick, and our staff have also been doing their bit by clearing our Woodland areas. Please do ask your child what you can do to help save our beautiful planet.



*Dear God, help us to save our Earth, help us to try our best and help other people. Amen (a prayer written by a child in Yr 1).*

It was lovely to see many parents join the Reception class on their seasonal walk on Wednesday. However, it felt more like Autumn than Spring given the cold mornings we have been experiencing! Their next, and final walk, will take place on Wednesday 17 July.

We were very pleased to welcome Annemarie Whittle, CEO, back to St Margaret's yesterday. Mrs Whittle spent the afternoon touring the school and speaking to children and staff. She enjoyed her visit, we look forward to seeing her again soon.

Yr 1/2 had a visit from a local author, Alex Brooks, yesterday. Alex spent time with each class reading, doing a little Q&A and finishing with an activity. Books that had been purchased, were signed and handed to the children to bring home. Alex was very inspirational; the children were very engaged. We hope the children enjoy reading her books with you.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

On Tuesday we took two football teams to play matches against Hadlow Primary School. The final scores were 2-2 (A team) and 5-0 to SMC (B team). All players put in 100% effort and were very team spirited. There was plenty of action and great goals! Well done to them all.



On Thursday, our football team played another match, this time at home against Woodlands. It was an exciting match that resulted in a 2-1 defeat. However, the team should be proud of their skill and endeavour. Well done!

Wednesday, after school, Ed and Brian from Tonbridge Juddians, held a rugby taster session for girls in year 5 and 6. They all had a great time and many of the girls have expressed an interest in joining rugby. Thank you to the Ed and Brian for inspiring our girls to try a different sport and get involved.



Today, our Yr2 children have had a very productive and rewarding visit to Long Mead Park. The children carried out a litter pick, visited Tonbridge Angels Football ground, played in the playground and enjoyed a picnic lunch before walking back to school. Well done for helping to keep Tonbridge tidy and offering your service to the community.



We had lots of superhero's at school today! The children have enjoyed wearing their capes and slippers to school, raising money for Babons Cancer Support. Thank you all for your very kind donations.



### **SEPTEMBER ADMISSIONS**

Offers have gone out for the children who are due to start school in September. We are pleased to welcome several siblings to St Margaret's. Please do remember to accept/decline your place via email, by Friday 10 May at the latest. Thank you.

### **PLAYGROUND GAMES**

We have purchased, with funding help from the PTA, some 'large' games for all year groups to enjoy. The aim of the games area is to offer a quieter space for children to come and play with friends, away from the busyness of the main playground. We believe that many children will benefit from

this and we look forward to seeing them enjoy the challenges. Here are some of our year 6 children helping to set up the games...



### **WOODLAND CLUB**

It was a very funny activity this week with noisy neighbour all the children were paired up and blindfolded with the objective to find their pair by listening to the sound they made, all the children were very good and listening because they all managed to find their pair.

Person of the week: Miss Hermitage gave it to Seth (yr3) for putting so much effort into the activity he was very enthusiastic with his noise. Miss Wolfe gave it to Ben (yr3) for similar reasons he gave it his all and made sure he found his pair. Mrs Lucas gave it to Sam (yr1) even though he was a little nervous he gave it his all and enjoyed his free time exploring the mud kitchen



### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

Next week, as part of the children's learning, our Yr1 children will be looking at how an electric car works and KS1 (Yrs 1/2) will have a visit from a nurse.

Our lost property bins are overflowing! Please ask you child/ren to check for belongings if you think they have lost anything. All named uniform is returned to pupils regularly, however a number of unnamed coats/ jumpers, which there are many, are left unclaimed. We are in the process of setting up a storage 'shed' outside by the front office to make it easier for you to check for lost articles. Any unclaimed items will be recycled on a regular basis.

### **ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Overall attendance to date: 95.2%

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

<https://www.stmargaretclitherschool.org.uk/diary/grid/2024/02/>

30 March - Mixed tag rugby at Juddians (Yr5)

2 May - Football away to Chiddingstone

14 May - KS1 Physical Literacy

16 May - Football home to Slade

Fiona Oubridge  
Headteacher

Lord Jesus,  
Teach me to be generous. Teach me to be serve as you deserve.  
To give and not count the cost. To fight and not head wounds.  
To labour and not seek rest. To give of myself and not ask for a  
reward. Except for the reward of knowing that I am doing your will.  
Amen