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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



As we return to school this term we did so with a heavy hearts following the recent death of our beloved Holy Father, Pope Francis. We have spent time in collective worship giving thanks for Pope Francis and remembering the wonderful influence he had on us. Here is a link to a reflection on his life [Remembering Pope Francis in schools](#)
Lord now grant him eternal rest and reward him for his faithful ministry.

THIS WEEK



Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of Easter and for the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. May we ever rejoice in his victory over death and live in the hope of eternal life. Help us to follow his example of love and service, to be a light in the world, and to share the good news of salvation with all. Grant us the strength to overcome challenges and the grace to persevere in faith, always seeking your guidance and wisdom. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Welcome back the a new term, I hope you have all enjoyed a wonderful Easter break with friends and family. My staff and I are looking forward to the new term which promises to be full of opportunities, events and lots of engaging lessons! Details of upcoming events can be found on the school calendar on our Website or through the weekly Newsletter.

As we are seeing more dryer, warmer weather, children can return to school in their summer uniform, please see the website for details of appropriate school uniform

<https://www.stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk/uniform-information/>

This week we have been looking at Earth Day with children wearing a green accessory to school to mark this annual event. Our Eco Club led our Friday assembly talking about how we can help make our world and environment a better place. Well done Eco club, it was an informative and uplifting Assembly.



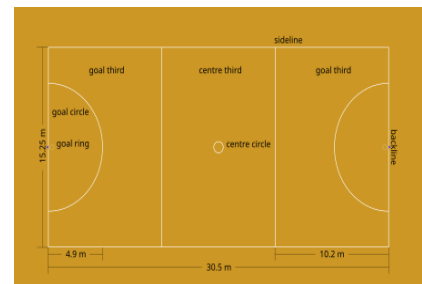
GENERAL INFORMATION

SPORTING EVENTS



On Thursday SMC played a football match against Bishop Chavasse at home. They were determined to take the win and fought really hard using their well-honed skills. The final score was 3-0 to SMC. Well done to all players.

Our netball team also played a match against Bishop Chavasse on Thursday at home. The team played well and had lots of fun putting up a great fight! They lost 6-3 but it was a tough game and they didn't lose focus. Well done to all players



SWIMMING

Yr3Maple will have their final swimming lesson on Monday 28 April, then Yr5 and 6 children will have an opportunity to swim (Yr5 for two weeks and Yr6 for one week). These extra swimming lessons are for children who need to boost their confidence or require extra swimming lessons. We have some spaces left, so if you would like to add you child to the list, please let the School office know. There will be no charge to parents for these two 'booster' weeks.

FOOD BANK

I would like to remind all parents that we hold a food bank here at school for use by any parents that feel they may need some help. We hold items such a toiletries, tins of food, pasta, baby products and lots more. Should you wish to use this, please ask for access at the School Office. This will be in the strictest of confidence.

DEVELOPMENT FUND

We would like to say thank you to the many parents who have generously donated money to the Development fund. This money goes towards paying for extra provisions for the school to enhance learning and the general school environment. There is still time to donate, should you wish to, via Parentpay. Any contribution is very much appreciated.

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Adelia & Chloe (Rec), Ella & James (Yr1), Georgina & Gerrard (Yr2), Roman & Zac (Yr3), Erin (Yr4), Alex & Jonathan (Yr5) and Eleanor & Joseph (Yr6). Each child has made a great start to this term by working hard and being focused in their reading. Well done for showing your resilience and aspirations.



ADVANCE NOTICES

YR6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP - SEPTEMBER

This is just a reminder that the outstanding payments for the Residential trip in September (current Yr5 pupils), is due by the end of June at the very latest. Please pay via Parentpay or contact the school office if you are unable to meet this deadline. Thank you.

PTA SECOND HAND SALE

The PTA will be holding a second-hand sale on Monday 28 April in the bottom car park. Come along at pick up time and take a look. All items are priced at £1.00 each.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 94.89%

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

You can also find more events on our school calendar:

[Calendar | St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary School \(stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk\)](http://stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk)

- 28 April - Yr6 Maths Challenge
- 29 April - Yr6 Cricket event
- 29 April - Netball/Football -v- Hadlow (away)
- 1 May - Junior Maths Challenge
- 5 May - Bank Holiday (no school)

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

A prayer for Pope Francis

God in heaven,
We thank you for the gift of Pope Francis and for all the wonderful
ways he inspired us to build a better world.
Help us to continue his work by being Pilgrims of Hope, like he was.
May he rest in your peace.
Amen