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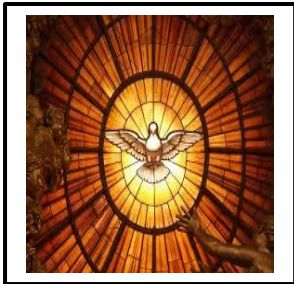
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**Learning for life, loving God
Ourselves and others
Valuing all of His creation
Enabling us to do our best**

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Reflection



Last Sunday concluded the season of 'Eastertide' and introduce the celebration of Pentecost.

In prayer and reflection this week we talked about who the Holy Spirit is. And that the presence of the Holy Spirit helps us to share our faith and hope in God with others. We know that we too can be filled with the Holy Spirit.



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of fathers in our lives. We celebrate their love, guidance, and strength. Bless them with health, happiness, and wisdom. May they continue to be loving and supportive role models, and may their families be filled with joy and peace.

THIS WEEK

Our Year 1 children have been working very hard on their Phonics this week as the phonics tests have been taking place. We are proud of how they approached the tests and continued to stay focused.

We sent a group of Year 5/6 children to play in a Lacrosse Festival at Tonbridge Juddians on Tuesday afternoon. They had lots of fun learning a new sport!

On Tuesday our Year 3 classes went on their annual school trip and visited Herstmonceux Observatory. They enjoyed a science show and a bridge building workshop, amongst other activities. We would like to thank the many parent helpers who joined us on this trip, as without your support, the trips could not go ahead.



We also welcomed some of our Governors for a visit on Tuesday. They spent the morning, touring the school and speaking to various groups of children. The Governors really relished their time with them and were very impressed with what they saw and heard. Well done to those children for their positivity and for sharing your thoughts, and to all our children for showing them what a wonderful learning environment we have at SMC.

Year 5 children spent the day at St Gregory's secondary school on Thursday experiencing the life of a secondary school student. They got involved in science lessons using Bunsen burners, then did some PE and to add to the excitement, they got to eat lunch in a canteen (which was generously paid for by St Greg's)! The day highlighted the interesting and varied lessons they can expect when they move onto secondary school.

It was lovely to see so many dad's or grandads/uncles join us today for the Father's Day breakfast. The weather was lovely so they could be outside on the field enjoying the sunshine. We served up over 400 items of food and lots of orange juice!



GENERAL INFORMATION

CHICKEN POX

We have a few cases of chicken pox in school from different year groups. If your child appears to have some spots please do not bring them into school until you have had them checked. Chicken pox is very infectious and spreads easily. Children will need to remain at home until all the spots are crusted over and no new ones are appearing. Chicken pox can pose risks for pregnant ladies and adults with weakened immune systems. We ask you to be vigilant. Thank you.

We are looking forward to seeing our new Reception class children join us on Monday for their first Storytime session from 2.30pm - 3pm. Parents are welcome to leave site or wait in the bottom car

park for the children to finish. The PTA will be holding a second-hand uniform sale during this time so please feel free to take a look.

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Avery & Chyna (Rec), Eddy & Isla (Yr1), Luke & Sam (Yr2), Zahara & Hannah (Yr3), Thomas & Keira (Yr4), Joshua & Kezia (Yr5) and Tallulah & Ciara (Yr6). Showing resilience and thankfulness are two of our school values and these have been lived out by our award winners this week. Well done, we are very proud of you all!



MASS

Parents are welcome to join us for Mass on Thursday 19 June at 2pm. Please arrive no earlier than 1.50pm where you will need to sign in at the office and make your way to the hall. We look forward to you joining us.

SMC HOLIDAY CLUB

There are a few spaces left for the summer holiday club, particularly the first week. Send your completed forms to ARC@st-margaret-tonbridge.kcsp.org.uk or drop them to the office as soon as possible. Places will be confirmed once payment has been received on ParentPay. Thank you.

ADVANCE NOTICES

MULTICULTURAL DAY

Next week we will be celebrating Multicultural Week throughout the school, ending on Friday with a cake sale. We would be asking the children to bake a cake referencing a country of their choice. They could bake a traditional cake or decorate a cake from a country of their choice (no nuts please as we won't be able to share them). We will choose a winner in each class to receive a small prize. We would then like to invite parents to join us 3.15pm on Friday on the playground and purchase some cake to share with them on the field. You may wish to bring a picnic blanket.

SPORTS MORNING

The plan for the sports mornings on 24 and 25 June may change due to the weather conditions. We will send out announcements via ParentPay either the evening before, or first thing in the morning, in the event of it being cancelled.

Parents should drop their children off to class as usual and make your way back to the bottom car park, where you will be required to wait until approximately 9.15am. We will then open the gates so you can make your way to the field. To enable these events to run smoothly, we would ask that you **remain behind the barriers at all times** to avoid obstructing the running lanes and throwing circles.

Races will begin at 9.30am, we will send out a running order in due course. When all races are finished, the children will return to their classrooms to cool down and have a drink and toilet break. If you are staying for a picnic, you will need to collect your child/ren from their classroom doors at 11.50am (Reception/KS1) and 12pm (KS2). If your child is having a school dinner, they will be taken to the hall, as usual, by staff. KS2 siblings will come out and join you at 12.15pm (on Tuesday) however, Rec/KS1 siblings (on Wednesday) will need to be collected from their classrooms at 11.50am if they are joining you for a picnic lunch. All parents need to leave the premises by 1pm.

Please remember to send your child to school in their full PE kit, with a named sun hat and water bottle. Sun cream must be applied before arriving at school. Thank you for your support, this will help the mornings run smoothly with minimal delays.

One more thing! Remember to cancel any lunch bookings for the day if your child is having a picnic as you will still be charged. Thank you for your consideration.

HARP LESSON OPPORTUNITY

Would your child like to learn an instrument that sounds great from the very first lesson? Harp lessons will be available in school from September, with prices starting from £14.44/month for short individual lessons. There is no expectation for you to have a harp at home unless that's what you choose to do. The limited number of spaces will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested, please email Nikki Martin plinkplonkharp@hotmail.co.uk. This is open to children from Reception to Yr6.

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date:

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)

- 18 June - Parent Prayer Group & 3pm
- 19 June - Reception Class/Yr6 Class and team photos
- 19 June - Mixed Tag Rugby (Yr5/6)
- 19 June - Mass (2pm)
- 23 June - Storytime - New Reception classes
- 24 June - Rec/KS1 Sports morning
- 25 June - KS2 Sports morning
- 25 June - Personalised plan meetings
- 26 June - 3Beech River Boat trip
- 27 June - 3Maple River Boat trip

Fiona Oubridge
Headteacher

Father God,
We give thanks for all fathers and father figures in our lives.
Please bless them and help them to be good role models to their children.
We pray for those whose fathers may not be with them. May they know
your deep love for them as the Father of all fathers.
Amen