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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



In prayer and Liturgy Jesus' teaching of the Beatitudes points to the wonderful way of God's Kingdom. We talked about 'the Man of the Beatitudes', St Pier Giorgio Frassati. We asked the children to be people of the Beatitudes, following Jesus and St Pier Giorgio's example. Do



Creator God, thank you for the wonder of a rainbow, a radiant reminder of your faithful promise and peace. Just as you bring beauty out of the rain, bring hope into my life when skies are grey. Let this sign in the heavens be a reminder that you are with me, shielding me, and holding me in your care. In Jesus' name, Amen.

THIS WEEK

I would like to start this week's Newsletter by saying how proud we are of Imogen W (Yr6) who came 1st in the Kent Swimming Championships for both 200m and 400m freestyle! Imogen is now the U11 Kent Champion! We look forward to hearing how she gets on in the Regionals later in the year! Well done Imogen, what an amazing achievement!



Yr6 had their very own evacuee day where the children could dress in 1940s style clothes, some even brought in a box for a gas mask. They continued learning about the experiences of evacuees before taking part in a 1940s style PE and maths lesson. They created a play/drama about what evacuation was like. In the afternoon, they discussed rationing and then made Honey Cakes using a

rationing recipe. Today, they got to try the cakes they made and general consensus was they were very tasty! How great do they look!



GENERAL INFORMATION

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Lilia A & Charlotte B (Rec), Nehan G & Bethany G (Yr1), Jacob F & Effie O (Yr2), Olivia G & Sienna N (Yr3), Ruslan M & Caroline S (Yr4), James C & Emilia S (Yr5) and Thomas M & Orla R (Yr6). Well done to each individual for working hard this week and showing us how to be kind and helpful. We are very proud of you all!



National Year of Reading



As part of the National Year of Reading, our Reception children invited their parents into class on Thursday afternoon to listen to a story read by the class teacher. We hope you enjoyed sharing this time with the children and listening to one of the classes favourite stories.

School Uniform



School uniforms are important for fostering equality by reducing peer pressure and visible economic differences and building school identity and community spirit. It is also a factor in improving discipline and safety by creating a more structured, identifiable environment. Therefore, may I remind all parents that children should wear the correct school uniform or PE kit each day. This includes wearing the correct footwear. Please note that **boots are not suitable** for school. Moving forward, we will send home a note with any child wearing incorrect uniform, and a call to parents may be made to discuss this. If you are unable to send your child to school in the correct clothing or footwear, please email the school office or provide a written note to the class teacher to explain your reasons. We appreciate your continued support.

Vacancies

We currently have the following three vacancies: LKS2 Class Teacher, HLTA and LSA. You can find further details and applications packs on Kent Teach <https://www.kent-teach.com/> or our website <https://www.stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk/About-Us/Vacancies/>

Are you interested in becoming a Teacher? Please see below for various routes in to teaching that are being supported by Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership (KCSP)

Degree offer - Online information evening - 02.03.26 (6:00 - 7:00pm)

KCSP is delighted to be partnering with the University of Buckingham to offer exciting and innovative work-based degrees especially designed for those who would like to take the first step on the pathway to a teaching career.

To find out more about these exciting opportunities, please join KCSP's online information session, taking place on the evening Monday, 2nd March at 6:00pm. For further details and a link to book - [please follow this link](#).

School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) - Online information evening - 10.03.26 (6:00 - 6:30pm)

Are you thinking of becoming a teacher and already hold a degree?

Join KCSP's online information evening where you will be able to find out more about our Teacher Training Programme, including fees, funding and how to apply. Register [here](#).

Early Years Initial Teacher Training Programme

Through KCSP's partnership with the Best Practice Network, we would like to share an opportunity to access a fully funded Graduate Entry route into Teacher training to become a qualified Early Years Teacher. The 12-month programme comprises of monthly training days, placements and building an e-Portfolio of evidence for assessment. Please follow [this link](#) for further information, including entry requirements.

MESSAGE FROM OUR HOUSE CAPTAINS & DEPUTIES

This week in year 6, we dressed up as evacuees from World War II. We learnt about how they had to leave their homes and ration their food. This must have been very hard for those children; it is impossible to imagine what it must be like. It taught them to be grateful for what they had and to

respect others. These are part of our school values, so we too should show gratitude for what we have and always show respect to others.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Our Yr5 classes are very much looking forward to their trip to the Tower of London next Wednesday. We pray for dry weather to make their trip more enjoyable.

Yr1 classes are looking forward to welcoming their parents to their assembly on Thursday 12 February at 2pm (for a prompt 2.15pm start).

We look forward to welcoming the Yr5 parents to the PESE talk at 6pm on Thursday 12 February. We will release the dates for the individual appointments next week, please be aware that there are limited appointments available and are only for parents who wish to discuss any concerns they may have.

PESE MEETINGS - Yr5 - Thursday 12 FEBRUARY

We would like to invite all year 5 parents to a PESE (Procedure to entry for Secondary Education) meeting on Thursday 12 February from 6.00pm-6.30pm, in the school hall. We will talk you through the process for making applications to secondary schools and considering your options. CAT scores for your child will be prepared and handed to you directly on pick up, we will let you know when they are ready. This meeting is for parents only. We have set up some appointments for any parents who wish to discuss the results individually with Mrs Thomas and myself. Details to follow separately.



PTA Children's Disco

Home clothes day on Friday 13th February in exchange for a £1.00 donation. This is for all children, whether or not, they are attending the school discos. Money to be handed to Class Teacher please. Follow this link to book your tickets: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/smcpta/>

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Overall attendance to date: 95.16%

Dates for your diary

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

<https://www.stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk/Parents/Calendar/>

Mon 9 Feb - Football and Netball match away to Hadlow

Wed 11 Feb - Yr5 trip to Tower of London

Thur 12 Feb - Yr1 Assembly (2.15pm start) parents welcome

Fri 13 Feb - PTA children's disco and home clothes day (£1 donation)

Mon 16 - Mon 23 Feb - Half Term (and inset)

Tues 24 Feb - All children return to school

Tues 24 Feb - Young Voices concert at the O2

Wed 25 Feb - Personalised Plan meetings

Wed 25 Feb - Football match home to Plaxtol

"Blessed are you who know how just much you need God, the Kingdom of Heaven awaits you.

Blessed are you who are sad, you shall be comforted.
Blessed are you who are humble, the whole Earth will be yours.
Blessed are you who are so determined to do what is right and good and holy, your life will be full of good things.
Blessed are you who are forgiving and merciful, you will have forgiveness and mercy.

Blessed are you who are pure in heart, you will see God.
Blessed are you who work for peace, God will call you His sons and daughters.
Blessed are you when you are treated badly for doing the right thing, the Kingdom of Heaven awaits you.
Blessed are you when people hurt you and say bad things about you because you follow me.
Rejoice and be glad, you'll have a big reward in Heaven."