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**L**earning for life, loving God  
**O**urselves and others  
**V**aluing all of His creation  
**E**nabling us to do our best

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### Reflection



Each one of us is precious and valued in the eyes of God. In this assembly, children will consider how God's love is always with them, even when we face troubles and difficulties. This amazing truth will help children to place their trust in God's constant care. "Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."

### THIS WEEK



*Heavenly Father, as this week comes to a close, I pause to thank You for Your faithfulness. I bring to you the week gone by - the triumphs, the challenges, and everything in between. Amen*

This week has brought exceptionally hot weather and I am very proud of how resilient the children have been in coping with the heat. All staff have worked hard to ensure that all children were kept hydrated, protected from sun and calm throughout each day. The children especially enjoyed the ice lollies on Wednesday! As it is cooling down over the weekend and into next week, children should return to school in their normal uniform/PE kit.



Our assembly this week was led by Music for Schools who blew us away with a lively demonstration of various brass and woodwind instruments. The children had a fantastic time singing along to the live music! If your child has been inspired to pick up an instrument and start their own musical adventure, spaces are available now! Please contact Music for Schools using the link:

<https://www.mfsf.org.uk/parentinformation>

Teacher led clubs finish next week (29<sup>th</sup> June). The only clubs that will continue to the end of term are Friday morning gymnastics, Msporti football and music lessons. You will be notified by them directly of any changes to this.

### **Sports Day - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June - Rec/KS1 and Monday 6 July - KS2 (please note these new dates)**

The plan for the sports mornings coming up 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 9.15am, when we will be able to let you onto 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. You will need to collect them from their classroom doors at 11.50am (Reception/KS1) and 12pm (KS2) when they can join you for a picnic lunch on the field. 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 29<sup>th</sup> June) however, Rec/KS1 siblings (on 6<sup>th</sup> July) 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.

Children need to be in 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. Please remember to cancel any lunch bookings for the day if your child is having a picnic. Food is cooked to order so we want to avoid wastage and parents being charged. Thank you for your consideration.

### **Photos**

Reception classes, Yr6 and Team photos were taken this week. Proofs are being sent home today. You will be able to order online until 8<sup>th</sup> July, this is to ensure Braiswick can get them printed and returned to school before the end of term.

### **ADVANCE NOTICES**

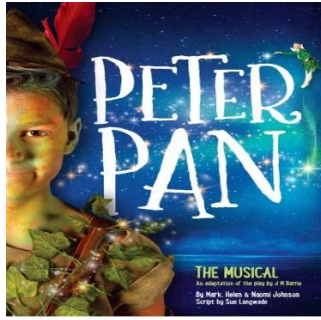
#### **Year 5 'Meet the Teacher' & Residential Meeting - Tuesday 30 June @ 5.30pm**

Our Yr6 teachers will be holding a 'meet the teacher' meeting for all Yr5 parents to talk about what to expect in Year 6. Following that, there will be a meeting for all parents whose children are attending the Residential trip in September. This is your opportunity to gain more information about the trip and ask any questions. Medical forms and kit list will be going out soon.

#### **Transition Day - 2 July**

On Thursday 2 July, as part of their transition process, our Yr 6 pupils will be visiting their new schools for the day. In school, our pupils will 'move up' to their new classes and spend the day with their new teachers. This is an exciting day for them as they prepare for next academic year. Parents will have an opportunity to meet their child's new class teachers on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July (Yr1 - Yr5) and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June for Yr6. You will be informed of your child's new class teacher next week.

## Year 6 Production - 'Peter Pan!' - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm



Parents of pupils in Years 6 are warmly invited to our Yr6 production. To ensure that all families have an equal opportunity for seats at these performances, we will allocate a **maximum of 2 seats per performance per family**. Due to fire regulations, numbers in the hall are limited and accompanying children will **not** be able to "sit on laps"; they will need a booked ticket. Children at school will have already seen a performance in school.

You will need to book tickets using the online system 'Schools Interviews', details of which have previously been sent out. Please contact the school office if you require assistance with this. We will not be giving out tickets but will keep a list of all bookings and will check tickets upon arrival at the door. If you do not have a booking you may be asked to leave as we have to adhere to strict regulations. If we are able to offer more seats, we will let you know.

Children should arrive back at school via the front entrance at 5.15pm and should assemble in their classrooms. Refreshments will be available before the performances in the gallery when the doors open at 5.30pm (please bring change). As you are aware, there is very limited parking on site and the lower part of the driveway does not accommodate two cars passing each other. If you are dropping your child and leaving please park off site and walk your child down to the office. If you are bringing your child and remaining for the production you are welcome to drop your child and park on site but you will not be able to move your car until the end of the production when everybody is leaving. We will monitor the playground and close the gates when the playground is full. Please be considerate at all times. You may want to park off site, remembering not to block driveways or access, as this will probably make your arrival and leaving easier. If you are not staying for the production you will need to collect your child at about 7.30pm.

### **Harp Lessons**

If your child is interested in learning the harp, there will be a space available from September. £14.44/month for a short 5-7-minute lessons which is perfect for tiny fingers. £19.25/month for ten-minute lessons. Please contact [plinkplonkharp@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:plinkplonkharp@hotmail.co.uk) for more details.

### **School Lunch Prices**

We have been informed by Chartwells that the price of a school lunch will be rising from £2.95 to £3.15 per day. This will take effect from September 2026.

### **PTA News**

The next collection for the Summer Fair, will be on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and will be plants and cakes. This is also the day of the Summer Fair, so do come along from 3.30pm to 6pm, there will be lots of stalls, prizes and activities for the whole family to enjoy. There will be no parking on site so please park considerately in the surrounding streets should you need to drive.

### **ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Overall attendance to date: 93.2%

### *Dates for your diary*

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

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

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June - St Peter and St Paul Mass (Corpus Christi)

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June - Rec/KS1 Sports morning

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> June - Personalised Plan meetings - booking details have been sent out

Tue 30 June - Yr5 meeting with new Yr6 teachers and residential meeting

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July - Rec trip to Knole Park

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July - Tonbridge School Community Day (Yr5)

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July - Registration for Kent Test Closes

Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Yr6 Transition day

Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Rec to Yr5 move up day

Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> July - New Reception class visit

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Summer Fair - Fair Friday plants and cakes

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> July - KS2 Sports morning

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> July - Stay and Play (new Reception class) with parents

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> July - 6pm Yr6 Production

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> July - 3.15pm Open classroom (visit your current classroom to look at work)

Thur 9<sup>th</sup> July - Reception class Seasonal walk

Thur 9<sup>th</sup> July - 6pm Yr6 Production

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> July - 2pm - Rocksteady Concert (parents of children in the band welcome to join)

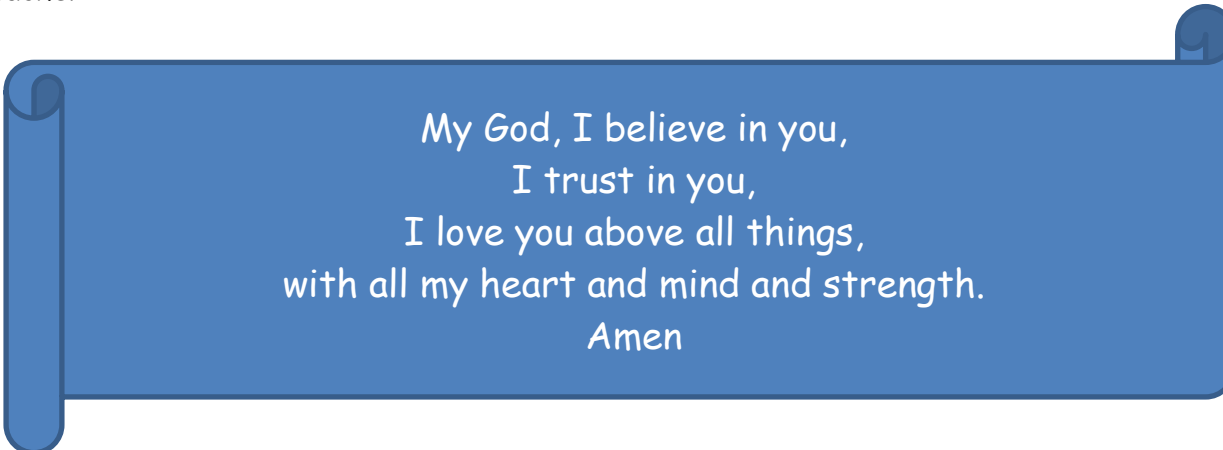
Wed 15<sup>th</sup> July - 3.15pm - 'Meet the Teacher' new classes

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July - Leavers Mass for Yr6 and their parents

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of term

Fiona Oubridge

Headteacher



My God, I believe in you,  
I trust in you,  
I love you above all things,  
with all my heart and mind and strength.  
Amen