



# St. Margaret's

## C of E Primary School

***"I am able to do all things through the one who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13***

***Faith, Hope, Love***

**24<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

### **Newsletter 9**

Dear Parents

It has been another couple of busy weeks here at St Margaret's. We have had visits from Vikings, been out and about with our learning and survived the icy cold and strong winds. It doesn't seem possible that in two weeks' time we will be breaking up once again for half term.

Please do read the Newsletter for more information about what has been happening.

Have a lovely weekend.

*Anita Delaney*

## Collective Worship



Within worship this week, the children have thought about the value of Faith. They have heard the stories of David and Goliath, and Daniel in the Lion's Den and considered how faith enabled them to trust in God to save them. Some of the children shared where they have seen the value of Faith in their day to day lives in school. Some of the things that they said are:

‘I had faith in Alex that he could make some good basketball shots.’

‘I have faith that I will be able to do my homework better.’

‘At St Margaret's we show faith by believing and trusting in God.’

‘At St Margaret's we have faith in our friends.’

‘I have faith that my brother will get better after his injections.’

It would be lovely to hear of when the children see examples of the value of ‘Faith’ being lived out at home – please see attached note where children and families can add their thoughts and return these to school to share with others.

It was also lovely to welcome Rev Dom back into school this week and the children thoroughly enjoyed listening to some of the stories of his travels abroad and seeing pictures of some of the people that he met and the animals that he saw.

## Uniform

We always pride ourselves at St Margaret's on the smartness of our uniform, but it has come to my attention that there are currently a number of pupils who are not coming to school in the correct uniform. This includes children not wearing ties, not doing their top buttons up and wearing trainers instead of shoes. If for any reason your child is not in the correct uniform the reason for this must be communicated to school and must be short term. We have a lot of spare uniform in school and can loan a tie if your child's has gone missing. We also have spare jumpers and cardigans. If you wish to discuss your child's uniform, please contact the class teacher in the first instance.

The correct winter uniform is as follows:

### **UNIFORM – WINTER (To be worn from October half term to Easter)**

White shirt and St. Margaret's School tie

St. Margaret's School jumper or cardigan

Grey school trousers/Grey skirt/Grey pinafore.

Grey or white socks

Grey or navy-blue tights

Black shoes

Headbands/bobbles/ribbons etc. – plain navy or black

### **PE & GAMES – (uniform to be worn on PE Days)**

White T-shirt with school logo

Plain navy-blue shorts or jogging bottoms

St Margaret's fleece or plain navy-blue hoodie

Trainers

(all pupils should have black plimsolls in school in a PE bag to be used for indoor PE)

### **Reading Books**

Please can you ensure that all reading books are returned to school weekly and on the correct day? We are currently really struggling to have enough books sent as home readers due to the large numbers of books not being returned. This is particularly evident lower down the school. We will contact parents individually when books are not returned and there will be a charge for lost / damaged books. Thankyou for support in ensuring that all children have equal access to high quality texts.

### **Viking visit to school**

Last Thursday, we received a visit from a Viking who met the children on the gate and delivered assemblies to them. The children had this to say about the visit:

‘He was really funny because he got people to act funny things.’

‘The Viking told us his name and then we travelled back through time and learnt about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings.’

### **Out and About Learning:**

Last week, Reception went for a walk around the local area looking for ‘People who help us.’ They were very excited to meet the postman and chat to him about his role.

Tonight, the choir are once again singing as part of the Young Voices choir at the Genting Arena. This is always a wonderful event to be part of. I am sure that all of those who are attending will have an amazing time.

### **Year 4 Prayer Space**

Last week, Caroline Mara came and led a Prayer Space workshop for Year 4 based upon the theme of ‘Journeys’. The children took part in the following activities:

- **Journey Photo.** Life is like journey. What describes where you are at, this morning?
- **On the Road of Life.** Think of all the people and situations on the road of life.
- **Starting out.** What are your hopes and dreams? What challenges lie ahead?
- **Climbing companions.** How can we do to support each other along the way?
- **The Summit.** There’s always room for celebration. Small or great, let’s celebrate!

The final activity celebrated what the children have achieved recently and gave them time to think about this. This fitted in perfectly with our Bible verse:

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A huge thankyou to Samuel’s mum for supporting this workshop. Sadly, this is the last workshop that Caroline will be doing for us, but we will endeavour to continue her work ourselves.

### **National Young Leaders Group**

Jacob, Seren and Jason from Year 6 attended their second meeting as part of the Church of England National Young Leader Group. The ‘Big Question’ that they discussed was:

‘What stops people from flourishing both individually and in the community?’

The children felt that some of the key things that prevented this were discrimination, poverty, pollution, and mental health. They talked about the things that they have done in school to support a flourishing community and what they could do in the future. These are things that you could perhaps discuss with your children at home.

### Clubs

There are still places in some of our school clubs.

<u>Club</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Years</u>	<u>Ends</u>	
Multi-sports	Monday 15:30-16:30	5&6	18/03/2024	Spaces available on Arbor
Football	Monday 15:30-16:30	5 & 6	05/02/2024	
Netball	Monday 15:30-16:30	5 & 6	Starts 26/02/2024 Ends 15/04/2024	Please sign up via Arbor
Leapfrog	Tuesday 15:30-16:30	Reception years 1 & 2	18/03/2024	Spaces available on Arbor
Tennis	Wednesday 08:00- 08:45	Reception years 1 & 2	20/03/2024	Spaces available on Arbor
Tennis	Thursday 08:00-08:45	Years 3-6	21/03/2024	Spaces available on Arbor

### Staffing News

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Crawford back to school from Monday. She will join Mrs Tea to teach Year 1 Monday – Wednesday.

### Christingle Service

There will be a Christingle Service at St Margaret's Church on Sunday 28 January at 4pm. The service will be led by Ian Carnell, and it will be particularly geared to children, families, and all ages. Please see the attached for further information.

### The ELSA project

The ELSA Study poster features the University of Birmingham logo at the top right. The main title 'The ELSA Study' is accompanied by a blue ribbon icon. Below this, an illustration shows a family (father, mother, and two children) sitting on a bench, with one child holding a tablet. To the left, a circular inset shows a hand holding a pen over a document labeled 'Consent'. The central text reads 'Screening children for type 1 diabetes' in large white letters, followed by 'Find out if your child is at risk of type 1 diabetes in the future through The ELSA Study' in smaller white text. Below this, it states 'Open to children aged 3-13 years'. At the bottom, there are three icons: a hand with a finger being pricked (labeled 'Simple finger stick test'), a house (labeled 'Can be done at school, home or at the GP's'), and a hand putting a letter in a postbox (labeled 'Post the result back'). To the right of these icons, contact information is provided: 'Contact us: elsa@contacts.bham.ac.uk, Phone: 0121 414 7814, https://elsadiabetes.nhs.uk/'. A QR code labeled 'Scan for info' is located at the bottom right. The footer contains the text 'The ELSA study IRAS ID: 3092052 ELSA Study Poster 2 v1.0 16.10.2022'.

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We are pleased to be offering parents the opportunity to take part in The ELSA study. Attached to this newsletter is all of the information that will enable parents to make an informed decision about this study and how to take part. The clinic will take place at St Margaret's on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The ELSA study is screening children, aged 3-13 years to find out their risk of getting type 1 diabetes. This is a simple finger stick blood test and your child can have this test done at school, at your GP or at home.

Children at high risk can be monitored and could enter research studies aiming to delay the start of type 1 diabetes. Every family who takes part in the ELSA study is helping us to understand more about type 1 diabetes.

### **Snowy or Inclement Weather**

We will always endeavour to keep school open however, should there be any disruption due to inclement weather, we will inform you by posting information on the website and sending updates via Arbor. Please also listen to local news for any updates. Let's hope that this isn't needed!

### **Lost Property**

If you have lost any uniform recently, please check the box in reception. Any named items have already been returned to children. Please remember to name all items that the children bring into school.

### **Nursery Places September 2024**

We still have Nursery places available for September 2024. Please contact the school office for an application pack if you are interested.

### **Measles**

There has been an increased number of cases of Measles across the West Midlands. Please read the following information and do not send your child to school if they have suspected measles.

#### **What is measles?**

Measles is a very infectious virus, which spreads quickly if people have not had the MMR vaccine. Two doses of MMR are needed for maximum protection. A version of MMR is available which does NOT contain pork ingredients. Measles can cause severe illness, especially in certain at-risk groups including babies and small children, pregnant women, and people with weak immunity. Complications could mean hospitalisation, permanent disability, and in rare cases, it can even cause death.

#### **What are the symptoms of measles?**

- cold-like symptoms such as runny or blocked nose, sneezing and cough
- red, sore watery eyes
- high temperature (fever) which may reach around 40°C / 104°F
- a non-itchy, red-brown rash usually appears 3-5 days later (sometimes starts around the ears before spreading to rest of the body), spots may be raised and join to form blotchy patches – which may be harder to see on darker skin tones

#### **What do I do if my child has suspected measles?**

If children have symptoms of measles they **must** stay at home please do not bring any child with measles symptoms to the setting.

#### **Please keep in your prayers:**

Mrs Crawford as she returns to working life

Any member of our school community who has recently suffered bereavement

Any member of our school community who is unwell or undergoing treatment

Key dates for your diary:

Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Reception / Year 6 Heights and Weights
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 6 visit to the Hindu Temple
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 4 to visit the Islamic Experience Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School Communion 2:30pm
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Wear it Red Day Break Up
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Coffee morning Mrs Ashton 9am – 10am (appointment based)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Personal Best Festival
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9:10am Family Service led by EYFS / Key Stage 1
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	ELSA diabetes study clinic
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's Evening
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's Evening
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Choral Spring Concert 9:15am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Easter Service St Margaret's Church led by Year 4 No afternoon Kidzone