

St. Margaret's Newsletter

Friday 1st March 2024



Learn every day, help each other and be happy.

What is spirituality? This is the question that we are going to be exploring throughout the next few weeks as we all continue to endeavour to be the best that we can be. While this seems like a huge question, we will be focusing on the importance of relationships: with ourselves, those around us and, indeed, the environments within which we live. We have started this week to think about the relationship we have with ourselves - thinking about how we learn and how we can continue to develop as lifelong learners. The children were brilliant at being able to identify the key aspects of good learning and could confidently articulate why perseverance and determination is key when learning new things.

We continue to develop another key aspect of learning new things - that of celebrating our achievements. To go alongside our celebration worships, book and a biscuit and family group points, we have also started to send messages home to let you know when we have been particularly impressed with the effort that someone is putting in. One key aim of mine is to ensure that not all communication from school revolves around negative instances - I am hoping that this is one step towards this.

Don't forget, Thursday 7th March is World Book Day. I would like to reiterate again that there is absolutely no pressure to spend any money on costumes. We are more than aware of the challenges this can bring and want to ensure that we are looking after our parental community. If you are struggling with ideas, don't forget that the children at the start of Peter Pan are in pyjamas or that Tom Gates or Billionaire Boy are outfits that can be made entirely out of clothes you will have in your wardrobe. If you need any help with this, please do ask.

I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend.

Sam Malyn

Special Events

Don't forget it's world book day on Thursday 7th March. The children are welcome to come to school dressed as a character from a book and bring in a favourite book to share with their peers. We also warmly welcome you into the school at morning drop off to join your child in sharing a book together.

Year 5 are doing a jewellery sale for everyone during breaktime this week to raise funds for their class trip. Jewellery will be priced between 70p—£1.00.

FONs Easter Colouring Competition—1st and 2nd prize for each year group. Please name and return to class teacher no later than 27th March. Competition will be judge by FONS on 28th March.

FONs have organised a Bag 2 School Collection. Bags to be dropped off at St George's on Fridays ONLY! More information at the end of this newsletter

Our learning this week

Bringing Items into School

We have noticed that some of our children are beginning to bring items/toys into school. Please can we ask that you support us in discouraging this as we are worried that these items, which are often cherished items, may get lost or broken. We have had some instances where children have lent or traded items and this has understandably lead to upset. If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

This week in year 3, In maths, we've been learning how to partition money and calculate how much change you would get when you buy things at shops (using the number line method). In music, we have been learning how to play the recorder to the song 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley. How does he like his doughnuts? WITH JAMMIN!! This week in computing, we have been doing some work on flipbooks. We have learned some top tips for making good animations too. It was super!

We have had another busy week in year 4. In maths we have been moving our fraction learning on to exploring mixed numbers and improper fractions. It's quite tricky but we are being resilient and getting there.

We have started our new English unit on non chronological reports and exploring the beautiful book 'Everest.'

This week in Year 5 we have started The Explorer, our next key text in English, and immersed ourselves in the Brazilian rainforest. Our writing about 'How a Jelly Bean is Made' is now published and ready for display.

We are all very proud of our Maths work this week as we have mastered division using the bus stop method!

Year 6 have been working extremely hard this week across the curriculum. Wisdom class' carnival dances are coming along nicely with a group of boys really standing out! We have enjoyed learning about the journey of a red blood cell around the circulatory system and have wowed our teachers with our use of technical vocabulary. Compassion have started some work on the Djembe drums, learning about their origin and the different ways we can use them to make sounds. A fantastic week all round and lots to look forward to this half term.

Class Teacher Awards

Trust: Jacob

Peace: Mya

Friendship: Reggie

Forgiveness: Elliot

Hope: Skyla-Rose

Wisdom: Estarah

Thankfulness: Hollie

Compassion: Brooklyn

Messages from the Office

- **The weather is very changeable currently please ensure you child brings a named coat to school with them every day.**
- **We have sent out invitations to parents/guardians to log into an online parent portal through our new Arbour Management Information System. Through this app you will now be able to pay for school meals online. We have now transferred lunch balances which are displayed on the home page once you have logged. Once the system is up and running we will be adding other items such as school uniform and school trips. If you have not received an invitation or if you have problems logging in please let the office know.**
- **Year 6 London Residential is fast approaching. Just a reminder that all McDonalds orders and payments must be sent in to the office by 4th March and all spending money to be handed in by 11th March.**
- **Easter Disco 14th March 2024 Tickets now available from the school office**
- **Year 6 Practice SATs week beginning 4th March 2024**

Upcoming Key Dates

World book day 7th March

St Margaret's Easter Disco Thursday 14th March

Easter Service Thursday 28th March (last day of term)

Easter Holidays 29th March—14th April

FONs Colouring Competition Judging 28th March

Scholastic book fair week beginning 29th April 2024

Ascension Day Thursday 9th May

Sports Day 22nd May

FONs Bag 2 School collection from St George's 22nd May

Summer Farye Friday 28th June



Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are pleased to announce that FONS has organised a clothes & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for FONS

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and since its inception in 1999 it has now paid out over £48 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for FONS, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However it is a fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys, (please refer to <https://bag2school.com> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you still have more room in your bag then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well!

BAGS TO BE DROPPED AT ST GEORGES FRIDAYS ONLY AND NO CHRISTMAS JUMPERS PLEASE.

Bag2School will be collecting from St Georges School on **22nd May 2024**. Please bring your bag (or bags!) to St Georges and help us have a really good collection.

Many thanks indeed for helping us with this unique fundraising opportunity.

Yours faithfully

FONs

