

# St. Margaret's Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023



**Learn every day, help each other and be happy.**

Harvest Festival is a really important time within our school. It is a time for us to show gratitude for what we have and to consider sharing with those who are in need. Our theme this week has been thankfulness and we started the week by thinking about all the things that we are thankful for. We talked about the importance of being thankful for a range of different things, ranging from holidays and times with loved ones to food and shelter. We have then spent the week trying to actively notice the little things. The things that within our very busy lives we can come to expect or take for granted. Thank you for all of your donations. The collection of food looked very impressive in church and it is inspiring to think that our children are having a positive impact on their community.

Over the coming weeks, we are looking forward to inviting you into school for your parent consultations. As well as these very important meetings, I am currently putting the finishing touches to a timetable of parental workshops. The aim for these workshops is to enable you to better imagine the day of learning your child is having while in our care while also providing some helpful hints and tips for how you can help your child with their learning at home. There will be more information about these workshops next week.

This week is the first week where you can feel the impact of a busy first few weeks on our children. We have had a few yawns and more than a few sniffles and I just wanted to say thank you for your efforts in supporting your child in getting them to school. We will always keep a close eye on your little one and will let you know if their symptoms get worse. I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend.

## New Youth Club

Rev. Jules and her team have been busy setting up this new Youth Club. We have already heard some great reviews from some of our children!

## "THE FRIDGE"@MAGGIES

# YOUTH CLUB

SNACKS – MUSIC – GAMES –  
ACTIVITIES – CHILL OUT AREA AND  
MORE!

FREE ADMISSION

OFFICIAL START DATE WEDNESDAY 27TH

SEPTEMBER

4:30 – 6:30 YEARS 4 – 6

6:30 – 8:30 YEARS 7 – 11

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## Messages from the Office

- **Children should now have brought home the proofs of their school photo. Orders can be placed online at Tempest Photography. The link address is on your proof and you will need the i.d. code on the proof photo. Please order before Monday 9th October for free delivery to school.**
- As the weather has now turned again could we please ask that all children have a coat in school every day. They love to go out at lunchtime whatever the weather and we do not have enough spare coats for those who haven't brought one in.
- **If your child is having a school dinner could you please check the menu first to ensure that your child likes what is available that day. We have had several cases lately of children who do not like anything on offer. The menu is available on the school website (<https://www.northamfederation.devon.sch.uk>)**
- Our peripatetic music teacher has spaces for guitar, keyboard and ukulele lessons. If you are interested please contact the school office.
- **We are now officially part of the Ventrus Multi-Academy Trust. Please can all cheques now be made payable to Ventrus Ltd. Eventually we will move to an online payment system and both schools will be cash free. We will give you more information once the new system has been set up.**
- We have a lot of lost property at the moment. If you are missing jumpers, water bottles, coats etc please take a moment to come in and have a look. We will soon be putting out a stall with unnamed items on for parents to help themselves to.

### KEY DATES—2023-24

**We have listed some of the key dates for next year below:**

Christmas Service—Friday 15th December

Easter Service—Thursday 28th March

Pentecost Service—Friday 24th May

St. Margaret's Disco—Thursday 2nd November/Thursday 14th March/Thursday 4th July

Summer Fayre—Friday 28th June

## Our learning this week

### The View from our Blogging Team

In Year 3 this week, they've been learning about the Stone Age in History and being really crafty doing painting in Art and also making papier-mache stone age houses! Year 3 rocked at it! They served a good game for P.E when they did some fun tennis and cross-country practice too! For Year 5s, they also did cross-country practice! Must have been tiring! They did a fun maths lesson, some fun games, learning about why 7-8-9. They did weaving for their history too. They also played football, had a kick-around and went to the Church to learn about architecture, and as you know, today, (because it's Friday) we all went to the Church for Harvest Festival! It was really exciting

**In Year 3**, this week we have been looking at different brochures and have begun to learn about the layout and structure of them so that we can write our own all about Skara Brae. In maths, we have been adding and subtracting multiples of 10 to and from 3-digit numbers, learning different strategies to help us. In History, we have been looking at Iron Age hill forts in detail and have created some amazing pieces of art to help us build on our understanding. We are not so sure that we would have wanted to live back then!

This week, **Year 4** have been practicing songs for the Harvest Festival. We have also been designing masks and props in Art, which we will then bring to life next week. Year 4 have also been finishing their independent, Odysseus and the Cyclops inspired narratives. In science, we have been making switches for a circuit which has been really fun and we look forward to finding out about different insulators and conductors next week.

**In Year 5** this week, we have enjoyed a double church experience! As well as enjoying a fantastic Harvest Festival, we have also been exploring the architectural and religious features around the church. We also had fun causing chemical reactions as we explored irreversible and reversible changes in science.

**In Year 6** this week, we have been trying to make sense of nonsense when learning about Lewis Carroll's poem 'Jabberwocky'. In English we have started to look at some fictional, but very authentic, WW2 diaries from the point of view of a girl who has evacuees turn up in her village and in PE we have been improving our flexibility through stretching and balancing. A busy, busy week!

### Class Teacher Awards

**Trust: Lillian**

**Peace: Lenny**

**Friendship: Faye**

**Forgiveness: Jasper**

**Hope: Bella**

**Wisdom: Joseph**

**Thankfulness: Ruben**

**Compassion: Marley & Emily**