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Newsletter No. 3

Head Teacher Message

Hello, I am delighted to be writing this newsletter after my first three weeks at St. Margaret's. I am getting to know pupils, families and staff and I would like to thank everyone for the friendly and helpful welcome I have received. I am looking forward to working with everyone in our school community to make St. Margaret's School even more successful in helping each person fulfil their potential.

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Staffing

Mrs Holloway is absent this month and we are happy to welcome Mrs Jane Thomson who is teaching the class.

Message from the Pupil Council

The Pupil Council are proudly wearing their badges that Mrs Lloyd presented at assembly.

We have looked at other school websites to find a design that is more child-friendly.

We went out for a walk on the bing to do a risk assessment for the classes, who will be going out to do outdoor learning there.

We are going to evaluate the pupil survey from June 2018.

Class news

P1/2

We have been learning about hedgehogs; where they live, what they eat, how they hibernate and what is dangerous for them. We have worked on our cutting skills, making hedgehogs using handprints. In gym we have been exploring different ways to move our bodies, such as rolling. In RE we have learned about Creation.

P3/4

P4 swimming – children are making great progress in weekly swimming lessons at Loanhead Pool. All children have been learning about money, a valuable life skill.

P5/6/7

Is this a Dagger? Theatre review by P7

On Thursday 4th October 2018 Loanhead Primary invited us to see Macbeth wrote by William Shakespeare acted out by Is This a Dagger? Macbeth went to the woods and bumped into three witches and they predicted his future. Duncan was king and if something happened to him his eldest son would be king, and if something happened to the eldest son the youngest son would become king. If something happened to the youngest son Macbeth would become king.....

Maja's review: My feeling about the theatre show is that it was funny but tragic. It was amazing and spectacular because it was only one man performing the show.

Kornelia's review: The production company who acted out the show was "Is this a dagger" and we are amazed by their wonderful work and effort. The show's name was Macbeth, Shakespeare wrote the play and I thought it was dramatic and a bit funny.

Lauryn's review: Actor? One Man Show? Versatile character changes. I give this a thousand stars out of a thousand because it was a one man show and he was spectacular at changing his voice to all the different characters. I loved the part when he turned the map of Scotland into the crown of Scotland it was very impressive to watch. I'm happy that Loanhead invited us to see the show or we would have missed out on a lot of amazing stuff.

Mrs Jackson visited us from Saint David's High School in Dalkeith. We had a lot of interesting questions to ask her about classes, lockers, transitions and uniforms. We watched a presentation on the smart board about St David's High School, with all the information we need to know. In the presentation there were images of Saint David's, Dalkeith and Saltersgate.

SHANARRI Assembly

Classes presented some of the important learning from Shanarri Week. Many thanks to those who came along.

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Parental Consultations

P1/2 and P5/6/7 had parental consultations this week. Thank you for attending these valuable meetings where information about progress was shared between home and school. Feedback about St. Margaret's was gathered and this will be shared after P3/4 consultations. These will be arranged on Mrs Holloway's return.

ParentPay

We are now using ParentPay, an online system to pay for meals, milk and trips. If you haven't signed up yet or need any assistance please contact the school office.

Play Therapy

We offer a lunchtime drop in service every Wednesday where pupils can chat about any concerns they have. Laura Jones requires parental consent so please request a sign up sheet if your child would like to use the service at any time.

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor learning is an integral part of the curriculum and classes are planning to go outdoors regularly. Please ensure that children are dressed for the weather, with sturdy shoes and a waterproof jacket.

P3 and P4 Sacraments 2019

Letters have gone home from Fr. Tadeusz about registering for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Please ensure that these are returned if you wish your child to prepare for these sacraments. If your child is in P5-7 they can also register and prepare to receive these sacraments.

It is essential that all pupils bring a PE kit to school. This should include shorts (or leggings), a plain T shirt and **indoor shoes**. Football strips are not permitted.

Please remember to telephone (0131 271 4685) or email (stmargarets_ps@midlothian.gov.uk) the school office if your child is going to be **late/ absent**. This information should be given to the school office rather than the class teacher, head teacher or a Learning Assistant.

There is much evidence to suggest that **drinking plenty water** throughout the day helps you think! The children are welcome to bring in water (not juice) to school each day to drink in the classroom. Bottles should be taken home at the end of each day.

We all have a duty to **protect children**, whether we are professionals or private individuals. If you think a child is being or is at risk of being abused or neglected, speak to:

- the Children's Services duty team by calling 0131 271 6674 (Mon - Thu 9am-5pm and Fri 9am-4pm);
- the Emergency Social Care Service by calling 0800 731 6969 (freephone) at any time outside normal office hours;
- the Police by calling 101 or in an emergency 999;
- a member of staff at the child's school;
- any Health professional.

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Provisional Dates

October Holiday	Monday 15 th – Friday 19 th October
Staff In Service	Monday 22 nd October
Pupil resume	Tuesday 23 rd October
All Saints Mass	Thursday 1 st November 9.30 am St. Margaret's Church – All welcome
P1 2019 Enrolment	from Monday 5 th November
Flu Vaccination	Monday 5 th November
NSPCC Parents information session	Friday 9 th November 9.30 – 10.30 am
School Feast Day:	Friday 16 th November 11 am Mass in school
Catholic Education Week:	26 th November- 30 th November
P1/2 Nativity	Thursday, 6 th December 9.30am
Christmas Service	Friday 21 st December 9am

* Dates to follow about curriculum Open Evening