

Headteacher's Newsletter – November 2020

Thank you...

A huge thanks to all the parents and carers, staff and children for helping us to improve our 'Pick Up' at the end of the day. The impact of the staggered collection has been quite amazing. We can now all safely socially distance and parking has certainly improved. Thank you for being on time to collect your child/ren, we really appreciate it 😊.

Children in Need 13.11.2020



The children enjoyed a day packed with activities to support their well-being as well as joining in with the Super, Amazing Joe Wicks. A great day was had by all. We will let you know how much we have raised for this amazing charity once we have all the money counted.

Remote Learning Success

As you may know if children or staff have to self-isolate due to the Covid-19 virus we offer all children the chance to learn remotely from home. If teachers are isolating they teach from home too! This past two weeks we have been using this style of teaching in 5 of our classes and I just wanted to let you all know how successful it has been. Please ask your children about their remote learning experiences 😊

Back on Track Recovery Curriculum

Since we returned in September we have been teaching from our Recovery Curriculum, specially designed to help the children to recover from the education they missed during the first lockdown. I just wanted to let you know that so far we are seeing good results of progress for the children in English, maths and RE, however there is still some way to go before we can be confident that all children are back on track. Please help us by ensuring that your child completes the tasks set by teachers on Seesaw, that they are reading daily and for increasingly longer periods of time (Y6 ought to be reading for at least 20-30 minutes a night) and don't forget the TTRS activities too. See the Curriculum Knowledge Maps that we sent home and which are saved on the website 😊

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Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Date for your diaries: this year's Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day will be **16th December.**

Please make sure your child's Christmas lunch payment is added to their Scopay account 😊



ROAD/CAR SAFETY



Please ensure that your child/ren are **strapped** into the car with **seatbelts**, that they are in **appropriate car seats** <https://www.gov.uk/child-car-seats-the-rules/when-a-child-can-travel-without-a-car-seat>. This guidance will help you know the law. Please keep your children safe when in the car – thank you.

Good News - Knitting Group at St Margaret of Scotland

Up to March of this year (when the dreaded Covid-19 stopped out fun!), St Margaret's had a wonderful group of knitters. Our group of knitters was made up of some of our wonderful parents.

Our group met up once a week and enjoyed knitting, chatting and a few cups of tea!!

We knitted squares to make blankets for the homeless. The blanket squares were sewn together to make 8 blankets.

These were then taken to a charity group for 'Blankets for the Homeless'.



The charity group appreciated all our efforts and sent a thank you – see below.

"These 8 lovely blankets were the work of the knitting group at St Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary School in Luton! We cannot thank them enough for the hard work and effort that was put into these blankets. They will be delivered to our contacts in Borehamwood today and will be handed out on the street tomorrow evening! (That's tonight everyone Friday 13th November)

A massive thank you to everyone involved in this project. A wonderful way for people to come together to create something with purpose in these unprecedented times."



Love from The Family Workers – AKA the Two Julies ☺