

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Primary & Pre School



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Dear Parents / Carers,

What a Week to be at St Margaret's!

The Pentecost Term is always so busy, but this week has been something else!

It started with a **football tournament for our Y6 Girls Football Team**. The girls played brilliantly and finished 4th out of 8 in the league competition. I was so proud of all of them. This year they have taken part in a number of matches, and I can honestly say they have improved game on game. Stars of the future!

On Tuesday, the children were treated to a **special assembly on recycling electrical items**. There was a Hypnocat Gameshow for children and staff to take part in too! The children learnt a lot and had a great time!

On Thursday, Key Stage 2 were treated to a spectacle led by a charity called **Electric Umbrella**. www.electricumbrella.co.uk Electric Umbrella delivers live music experiences to challenge children and staff to think differently about disabled people. Our visitors were amazing and held our children's attention for a whole hour! The main focus and take away for us all was **"There is no such things as normal"**.

On Friday, we had our annual **Culture Day**. This is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of our school and community. Thank you so much to all of you who supported our event by giving up your time to educate our children and make learning so much fun! Thank you to our wonderful children too who all looked amazing in their national dress.

Finally, thank you to **Miss Caulfield** our Assistant Headteacher for overseeing this fantastic event.

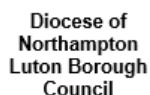
Pre-School Trip To Whipsnade

This week our youngest children visited Whipsnade Zoo. The children had a wonderful day. This trip would not have been possible without all of the volunteers who supported the trip. A big thank you!

1 St Francis Class Assembly

1 St Francis this week led a beautiful assembly on love and saying sorry. They reminded us that Jesus will always love us. They also shared how important it is to say sorry if we make a mistake and that we should try hard to forgive people.

Thank you so much 1 St Francis for all of your hard work.



Snacks for Morning Break

It has been brought to my attention that many children are eating unhealthy snacks during their morning break.

Please note children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are not allowed to bring a snack to school. Children in these classes are entitled to free fruit under the government scheme, staff will ensure children have access to this.

Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are allowed to bring a piece of fruit / vegetable for a snack at morning break. Children will not be able to eat crisps, biscuits etc. The only exceptions would be for those children that have medical conditions that require the need for a particular snack. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Marble Madness!

Next Tuesday, 25th June children will be building their marble runs! Please don't forget to bring in items that will help your child's class. Our Science Subject Leader **Miss Thelwell writes:**

We will need to collect as many different types of recyclable materials as possible. These can include:

- cardboard tubes (e.g. toilet rolls, or kitchen paper rolls – or even sturdier tubes from the inside of cling film rolls)
- newspaper (to roll into tubes)
- pipe lagging (foam insulation tubing)
- small cardboard boxes from e.g. cereal, tissues, toothpaste and juice cartons
- plastic drinks bottles
- egg cartons
- anything else you think will help your children design a great marble run!

Please send in with your child any materials and items you think will be useful.

This weekend, please help your child to browse the internet to find ideas that will help them to design a 'slow' marble run!

Maths Monday

Thank you to all of you who attended our Maths Monday session this week. We nearly had 100 of you join us. It is always lovely to welcome you into school. Thank you for your support.

Pre-School Sports Day and Reception Sports Day

Next **Thursday 27th June at 2.00 pm** parents and families of children in Reception are invited to join their children for their annual sports day. This event will start at 2.00 pm. Please congregate by the gate that leads on to the main playground. Reception staff look forward to seeing you there.

Our Pre-School sports day will take place on **Wednesday 10th July**, Miss Newland will provide further information in due course.

Sports Day

A reminder that our annual Sports Day for Key Stages 1 and 2 (Y1 – Y6) take place next week, **Friday 28th June**. The years 1 – 3 event will run from 9:00am – 11.00am and the Years 4 – 6 event will run from 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm. You are all invited to come along and support your children!

Please congregate by the gates to the main playground from 8.50am for Years 1 – 3 and 12.20pm for Years 4 – 6. We look forward to welcoming you.

Diary Dates

Please find below a table with key dates for this term and beyond, please do take note of events that effect you and your child. More information will follow regarding school trips etc.

God bless,
Mr Chiswell

Dates for your Diary

(Please note dates are subject to change and there will be new events added)

Date	Event	Time
Mon 24th June	Y6 Retreat at St Margaret's Church	
Thurs 27th June	Reception Sports Day	2.00pm
Fri 28 th June	KS 1 & KS 2 Sports Day	9.00am – 11.00am Yrs 1–3 12.30pm–2.30pm Yrs 4-6
Tues 2 nd July	Year 6 Production to Parents	1.45 pm
Weds 3 rd July	Year 6 Production to Parents	6.00 pm
Mon 8 th July	Reception Assembly	2.30 pm
Weds 10th July	Pre-School Sports Day & Graduation	
Tues 16 th July	Y6 Leavers' Mass @ School with parents	10.00am
Weds 17 th July	Y6 Leavers' Party	5.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Fri 19 th July	End of the School Year	
Mon 2nd September	Staff Training Day – School Closed	
Tues 3rd September	Staff Training Day – School Closed	
Weds 4th September	1st Day of Advent Term for children in Years 1 - 6	