

# NEWSLETTER



17<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dear Parents,

Finally, we have the weather that we have all been waiting for! Thank you very much for your support with sports day. This was the first for a couple of years and for the year 2 children, who have been in school for 3 years, it was their first!



Emerald House won Reception and KSI and the winner of Keystage 2 was Sapphire. Well done to all our competitors (including the parents!)



Kind Regards



Mrs Shepherd

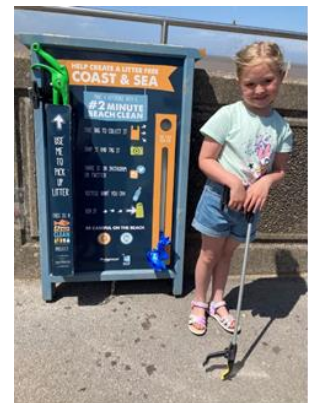
## LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

The buzz around school since the last newsletter has been all about Science and RE. Our Science week last week was very successful. Children enjoyed a visit from the Wonderdome, a mobile planetarium, it really was awe and wonder in action. Victoria, a STEM ambassador also visited. She worked with Reception and Year 1, looking at 'stemazing structures'. This activity was the pre-requisite to architecture. Victoria also worked with year 6 looking at aerodynamics.



*I loved the dome because it felt like I was flying through space' – Tamuda*  
*'It helped me understand how big our Sun is compared to Earth and the other planets in our solar system' -Eli jah*

Lily P was so inspired by the plastic pollution theme for Science Week that she went litter picking whilst on holiday at the seaside. It shows that one small act can have a positive impact on the environment. Just look at the size of that bag filled with rubbish! Well done, Lily.



It was lovely to have Governors visiting the school chatting to the children and being part of Collective Worship. They joined us for the afternoon to get a feel for our Christian Distinctive school. When they witnessed a nursery child picking up the bible to share their favourite story and a reception child's understanding of the school's vision, 'Living Life in all its Fullness,' talking about what it means, as well as listening to children throughout school speaking so confidently, they had every confidence that St Margarets really is distinctively Christian.

I am very proud of all children at St Margarets. Children often come and see me and ask if they can deliver whole school Collective Worship. Sometimes, children have a value to explore and sometimes they want to make that decision themselves. Last week Isla, Yvie D and Shakir confidently led whole school worship, well done. Over the next week I will be sharing why are school is distinctively Christian and the journey we have taken regarding our vision and values.

Also on Tuesday, children in years 1-6 took part in workshops which were delivered by Bring the Power, Birmingham 2022's Youth Programme which creates pathways for children to get closer to the Games and be a part of this once in a lifetime celebration of sport and culture. Each class learnt what the Commonwealth Games are and where they have taken place. They explored events in the Game's history such as the first triathlon and Roger Banister's four-minute mile. Our children and staff came away excited about the upcoming Games in Birmingham.

A quote from Lydia in Year 3 about the Commonwealth Games workshop: "It's inspired me to learn about different countries and want to watch the Commonwealth Games."

'I want to do the workshop again because I love it! We learnt about wrestling, boxing, sprinting, long jump and table tennis! - Joey H'



During the inset day (6<sup>th</sup> June), 5 members of staff completed Born2 ride training with the help of some reception children. Thank you to those who joined us. Our staff are now trained to support children learn to ride. We chose born2 ride as a training provider because we liked their mission that 'every child in keystage 1 has the opportunity to ride a bike by the end of keystage 1.

### Open Evening

We would like to invite you in on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July for open evening. This is an informal visit into school where you have the opportunity to see your child's current classroom and chat to the current class teacher as well as visiting your child's new class in order to meet their new teacher. School will be open from 4.00pm – 6.00pm. For children in the upper building please enter and leave through the main office, for children in the lower building please enter and leave using the fire exit and gate near the school bungalow (currently reception and nursery's drop off and pick up point). We look forward to seeing you.

### Patronal Festival

St Margarets church are holding their Patronal Festival on the weekend of Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> July and warmly welcome you to visit the church. Children across school will be producing artwork and making flower arrangements that will be displayed in Church. Church will also be open after school on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July for you to go in with your children to view their work.

## Reading

Our next morning reading session for Nursery, Reception and KSI is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 8.30am in the lower hall. We look forward to seeing you all there.

## School Uniform

I know some parents will be starting to purchase school uniform for September. Can I please take this opportunity to remind you of the agreed **autumn/winter uniform**. Shorts and checked dresses are summer uniform (after Easter only)

- White polo shirt
- Royal blue school sweatshirt/cardigan/jumper containing the school logo
- Grey trousers/grey skirt/grey pinafore dress (no playsuits)
- Black shoes (trainers are not acceptable in school)
- White/grey socks/tights

## Diary Dates

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – 8.30am Storytime – Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2.

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July – New Reception Children Transition Day 9.00 – 11.30am

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Performance – Afternoon & Evening, times to be confirmed.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – 8.30am Storytime – Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly, time to be confirmed

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers' Party – after school

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Last Day of Term

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – SCHOOL CLOSED (In lieu of Jubilee Bank Holiday)