

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome!

We look forward to welcoming three new members of staff to our school in September. Mr Daniel Hewitt will be joining our team as our new Deputy Headteacher, Mrs Amy Schofield will be our new SENCO and Mrs Tara Flynn has joined us as a part time maternity cover teacher. Mr Hewitt, Mrs Schofield and Mrs Flynn will hopefully visit our school and children over the coming weeks.

Congratulations, Year 6!

I would like to congratulate our children in Year 6 for their diligence and exemplary attitude in response to last week's Standard Assessment Tests (SATs). The tests have all been sent off for marking and we await the results with anticipation. However, I know that every child has worked so hard in the lead up to them. We are all so proud of you, Year 6 ~ your SATs, however, do not give the full story about you: most of your achievements over this past year and indeed your whole time with us cannot be tested or measured. I thank Year 6 for being such superstars!



Good luck Mrs Mather

Mrs Mather begins her maternity leave today and we thank her for dedication over the last few weeks especially – being on crutches at the best of times is difficult but when you're pregnant as well...! We wish Mrs Mather, Mr Mather, Zachary and Isla all the very best as they await the coming of their new family member. We can't wait to meet him/her!



Coffee Morning – Wednesday 6th June – we need you!

We will be hosting a coffee morning on Wednesday 6th June straight after drop off in the school library. Please join us for coffee and biscuits as we look forward to forming our new PSFA. Your children need new members to form the committee and help raise necessary funds for their learning. We need you!

Volunteers needed – growing project

Thank you for your support with the Co-op Community Fund, so far you have managed to raise over £850 for our allotment growing project. Mrs Horncastle has kindly volunteered to work with the children to develop the allotment area by the green metal containers. However, she can't do it alone, if you would like to offer a hand (no prior gardening experience needed!) and help us to develop the area please email me at head@clitherow.herts.sch.uk any help would be greatly received! If grandparents would like to support us, please also let me know.



Love in Action Open Morning – Friday 29th June 9:15am – 10:30am

Staff are busy planning for our Love in Action week which begins on Monday 25th June 2018. Since the election of Pope Francis there has been a renewed call for the Catholic Church to recognise and respond to the needs of the world. The time is right to act, to stand up and be counted as Christians, living out the call of Christ. Each class will spend time exploring one of the key themes of Caritas' Love in Action project and share their learning and experiences with the rest of the school. The week will culminate with an open morning for parents (Friday 29th June) where you can explore the various themes with your children. The open morning will begin at 9:15am and finish just before break time at 10:30am.



General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

We are currently working alongside the Diocese and Herts for Learning to ensure we are compliant with the new data protection regulation that takes place today. GDPR is similar in many ways to the current Data Protection Act 1998 but with additional requirements.

Summer Term School Trips

School trips have all been booked. As always, much of the expense in putting on such trips is the cost of the coach hire. We rely heavily upon your donations in order to make these trips go ahead. Thank you for paying promptly! Should sufficient funds not be available to cover the cost of a trip, visits may have to be cancelled. Please help us by letting us know early if you anticipate a problem. There are occasions when we may be able to offer assistance providing we know in advance – please pop into the office and ask to speak with me or call if this is the case.

Catholic Life

Thank you to the parents that joined with us to celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. Father Michael was incredibly impressed with the children's responses to his questions during the Homily. Good luck and well done to the children in Year 3 that are making their First Holy Communion this term. We are all so very proud of you as you take the next step on your Catholic journey.



Competition winners!

Well done to Julia from Year 5, Cara, Finley and Megan from Year 6 for winning our banner competition. Their masterpieces are on show for all to see – it's a shame we still have some parents that continue to park along the hedges and block our safe access into school. Our children want to be kept safe and they do not want parents to park along the hedges.

Can I also remind you that I have asked you to **avoid the Stevenage FC car park** for the remainder of this term – thank you to the parents that have listened and supported the school by parking elsewhere. However, it saddens me that some parents continue to park in Stevenage FC car park and leave their cars in dangerous places (not even in marked bays!) putting our children's safety at risk.

Sporting Achievements

It's been a busy half term in terms of sports. Our netballers have continued to play their league matches and are looking forward to a tournament after half term. Some of our Year 3 and 4 children took part in a Bell Boat festival at Fairlands Lakes – they had a great time! Some Year 5 and 6 children were chosen to represent the school in the Dragon Boat Race which was also held at Fairlands Lakes, again, great fun was had by all and the children finished in 3rd place! I've saved the best achievement



until last, our football team have won the league!!!! Huge congratulations to the boys, Mr Luis and Mr Kilbey! It's been an exciting season and the team deserve to lift the trophy. Well done to all involved!

Dinner money payments

Please can you ensure you have paid any outstanding dinner monies. Please remember that all dinners must be paid for in advance. Thank you!

Please do take a careful note of the dates which follow and keep an eye on the website (www.clitherow.herts.sch.uk), school blog (www.clitherowspeaks.wordpress.com) and Twitter (follow @StMClitherow) for further updates this term.

Have a fabulous half term holiday

God Bless

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Miss Puccio
Headteacher

Important dates this term (dates and times subject to change – please check our website)

Fri, 25 th May	Finish for Half Term (3.30pm)
	<i>Mon, 28th May - Fri, 1st June 2018 Half Term</i>
Mon, 4 th June	Inset day (no school for children)
Tues, 5 th June	Return to school (8.45am)
Wed, 6 th June	Year 5 taster day at John Henry Newman
Thurs, 7 th June	Corpus Christi Procession (9.30am) All welcome
Fri, 8 th June	Year 5 & 6 trip to York
Tues, 12 th June	Year 2 trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum
Tues, 12 th June	Sports for School event PM (further information to follow)
Fri, 15th June	Wear purple day for Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis
Fri, 15 th June	PSFA Disco (Infants 5.30pm-6.30pm Juniors 7.00pm-8.30pm)
Thurs, 21 st June	Year 3 trip to Celtic Harmony Camp
Tues, 26 th June	Reception trip to Knebworth House
Thurs, 28 th June	Holy Communicants Mass (9.30am) All welcome
Fri, 29 th June	Love in Action Open Morning (9:15am-10:30am) All welcome
Wed, 4 th July	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day (9.30am)
Fri, 6 th July	KS2 Sports Day (9.30am)
Sat, 7 th July	PSFA Summer Fayre (12.00pm-3.00pm)
Wed, 11 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Play (7.00pm)
Thurs, 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass (9.30am)
Fri, 20 th July	Finish for Summer holidays (1.45pm)
Tues, 4 th Sept	Return to school (8.45am)

