



St Margaret's at Troy Town C of E Primary School

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'I have come so you might have life-life in all its fullness' John 10-10

Thursday 5th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to you all after the summer break and a big welcome to all our new parents and children. The children looked lovely in their school uniforms and have all settled really well into their new classes. We are looking forward to an exciting and invigorating year ensuring all the children not only flourish, but really enjoy their learning.

School Clubs

After School Clubs will all start next **Monday 16th September** and run until the end of term **Friday 18th October**. Children meet in the hall at 3.15pm and parents need to pick them up promptly at 4.30pm from the hall using the Man of Kent Gate. The price of the clubs has not changed and is still £2 per child per club. We do, as the letter stated require the club letters back with the monies before the start date. I would just like to draw your attention to the Drama Club on Thursdays, this is only for children in Year 4, 5, and 6 for the first term only.

PE Kit

PE will begin on **Monday 9th September** and all children will need to have PE kits in school. Please ensure that your child's name is clearly labelled on all clothing as we did have a huge amount of lost property at the end of the last year. PE kits should stay in school all week and go home on a Friday to be washed.

Curriculum Meetings

Once again we would like to invite you to our Curriculum Meetings on **Wednesday 16th September** where your child's class teacher will introduce themselves and outline important information that you will need to know for your child's new year group. The presentations will be run twice in every class with the first one commencing at 3.30–4.00pm and the second presentation will begin at 4.15-4.45pm, so that you have the opportunity to see more than one year group if you have siblings in the school. There will be a film on show in the hall for the children while the presentations are taking place.

Caretaker

We currently have a vacancy for a caretaker. The position is for 25 hours a week and includes responsibility of opening and closing the school. If you feel this is something that would suit you or you know of anyone looking for a part-time position please ask them to contact the school office.

New School Website and App

We are now using **The School Jotter APP** which is **FREE** for you to download. This will now be our main form of communication with you so please ensure you download it. In our efforts to reduce paper usage and gain our Eco Award the newsletters will now be posted on the website which you can also access through the school app. However, if you require a paper copy please do not hesitate to contact the school office. To download the APP please visit our new school website:

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We have included a detailed guide for how to use the new school APP on the **parent section** of our website. Please choose the **parent tab** and then go down to the bottom of the menu list and select **School APP** this is where you will find the instructions for downloading the new APP and also how to turn on notifications to ensure you receive all the relevant information that you will need. Below are some screenshots detailing the important steps that you will need to get started.

Your school has the School Jotter app! Check it out!

Why should I download the app?
This innovative app keeps parents engaged by sending all the essential information straight to your phone. You will have access to regularly updated information:

- News**
Keep up to date with the very latest items
- Calendar**
Term dates, important events and parents evenings
- Newsletter**
Get newsletters from your school instantly
- Galleries**
Access photos shared by school
- Notices**
Push notifications for urgent messages and reminders
- Contacts**
See who to contact and how
- Maps**
List of useful locations of sports events or school trips

Everything in one app!

How do I download the app?

Android users
Go to Google Play, search for School Jotter or scan the QR code.

iOS users
Go to App Store and search for School Jotter or scan the QR code.

Turning notifications on for your child's classroom

1. Expand the dashboard and click on **Settings**.
2. Click on the **Notices**. This will expand the classes menu.
3. Find the class/classes your child/children are in and move the slider to the right. This will allow push notifications for

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To receive alerts and notifications related to the whole school, keep the **Alerts** slider to the right.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 11 th September	Year 2 visit to the Guildhall Museum
Monday 16 th September	After School Clubs start
Tuesday 17 th September	11+ tests
Wednesday 18 th September	11+ tests
Wednesday 18 th September	KM First Class Photo
Wednesday 18 th September	Curriculum Meetings 3:30-4:00pm and 4:15-4:45pm
Thursday 19 th September	Year 5 and 6 visit to the Knife Angel at Rochester Cathedral
Tuesday 24 th September	Year 1 visit to the Guildhall Museum
Thursday 26 th September	Year 6 Height and Weight Check
	Rainbows Hand Hygiene Talk
Wednesday 2 nd October	Top Invictus Competitor Darran Challis visit
Tuesday 8 th October	Harvest Festival in school hall
Wednesday 16 th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 17 th October	Parents Evening
Friday 18 th October	Children's last day - TAG DAY
Monday 28 th October	Children return to school

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