



# 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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now more than half way through our first term and this week we will be welcoming you into our parents evening. This is a great opportunity for you to meet your children's class teacher and look at the work they have been doing over the last few weeks. It has been a busy and exciting term with some children sitting the Medway Test, visits to the Guildhall, Harvest Festival and of course the wonderful inspirational talk from the athlete Frederick Afrifa.

## Sports for School

The children had a wonderful afternoon with Frederick both listening and taking part in their sponsored activities right alongside him! The money raised from this will go towards much needed PE equipment and playtime equipment which the children have asked for. We will let you know how much was raised as soon all the monies have been collated and counted. Sports for Schools will also send us the wristbands and autographed posters for those children who raised the required amounts.



## Harvest Festival

Thank you for all your gifts this Harvest Festival and it was lovely to have so many of you to join us for the celebration. The food has been shared between the Medway Food Bank and the Caring Hands Charity.



I would like to thank the PTFA for their support in putting together a bid for £5000 for the Rochester Riverside Trust. Due to their support we were successful in getting the full amount of £5000! The PTFA have agreed to give a further £2000 towards making a grand total of £7000 and this will be spent on the outside environment; plans include new playground markings and more outside shade. We hope to start the work in the October holiday and when it is all complete will celebrate with an open afternoon.

### **New Caretaker**

I would like to welcome Mr. Trevor Beal to the staff as our new Caretaker. Mr Beal will be on the gates opening and locking so please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome.

### **Drop off and pick up**

As the weather becomes more inclement, the urge to park as near to the school as possible is greater. However, we have recently had two near misses where small children have nearly been injured. I appeal to you all as parents to abide by the law in order to keep all our children safe. The local enforcement officers will be attending on a regular basis to ensure the double yellow lines and zigzag lines are kept clear.

### **School uniform**

It is lovely to see the children all in school uniform. but I would like to remind you that black shoes and not trainers are required. Also on a health and safety point long hair needs to be tied up with a sensible fastening. Whilst the big bows look nice, they are not practical in class therefore I ask they are kept for after school. May I also remind you that due to being an active school and considering health and safety regulations watches are the only acceptable item of jewellery to wear in school. Any queries around school uniform please refer to our website.

### **Exciting news**

We have been given the opportunity of hosting a West End production of The Hobbit in school this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October at a reduced cost. This will be an opportunity to enrich the children's literature and drama knowledge and be a wonderful experience for all children from years 1-6. We are asking for a £1 donation towards the cost.

*Ms L Jobling*

### **Dates for your diary:**

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	9:15am EYFS Open morning for new intake 2020/2021
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 Grandparents Tea Party
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	The Hobbit Production Years 1-6
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Victorian day at Kent Life
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Children's last day - TAG DAY
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Children return to school
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	The Book Bus details to follow
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu immunisations details to follow