



# 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*

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, we have reached the end of a very successful term! The children have all settled really well and we are starting to feel 'normal' again. I have rather a lot to say in this newsletter so please do make sure you read all the way through. You can have the whole of next week!

### Staff Changes

I would like to inform you that I have decided to put away my pens and hang up my trainers and formally retiring as Headteacher of St Margaret's at Troy Town as of the 31st December 2021. I have had four and a half very happy years here and I would like to thank you all for your support over that time. We have come a long way since 2017 not just in raising standards, but also nurturing our SMATT Family into what it is today. I have always been very proud to say I am the Headteacher of SMATT. I will miss you all, but I know I will be leaving SMATT in excellent, caring hands.

I'm thrilled to inform you that Miss Willis was appointed as my successor by the Trust after a rigorous, formal recruitment process and I will be working with her over the next term to ensure a smooth transition. We have also employed Miss Grunsell who has been working with us over the last term supporting children with our COVID recovery and tutoring sessions. Miss Grunsell is an experienced teacher who will also be taking over Miss Willis's teaching responsibilities as she steps into her new leadership role. Miss Willis and Miss Grunsell will be working together to ensure a smooth transition for the children.

### Rochester Local Heroes Awards

These awards were held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at St Margaret's Church Rochester. I was very proud to represent the school at these awards for which a member of the public nominated the school for 'Best Grass Roots Organisation.' The nomination was for all the help and support the school gave to the wider school community during our COVID lockdowns. Although we didn't win, we were very pleased to have been nominated and would like to thank all those involved in helping us support our community. Your generous donations have really helped to make a difference in the lives of others.

### Breakfast Club

As we are now getting back to as normal as possible, we have decided to resume giving breakfast at our Breakfast Club. The price will remain the same at **£2.50** and you will need book and pay online through ParentMail. We do have a limit of 30 children from all year groups (Year R – Year 6) and bookings may be made up until the night before subject to availability. If you are in receipt of Pupil Premium please contact the school office on 01634 843843 for details. If you choose for your child/ren to attend Breakfast Club, then children need to arrive at **8am** and enter school through the large blue gates where you will be greeted by a member of staff.

### After school Clubs

Next term, after school clubs will begin on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November** and finish on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December**. The cost will remain the same of **£2.50** per club unless your child is Pupil Premium when you receive a discounted rate. Again all

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clubs must be booked and paid for through ParentMail. You can begin booking from **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October** and you can book for the entire term if you would like to.

The clubs available for Years 1 - 6 this term are:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sports Club	Marvellous Muscles and Mindfulness Club	Craft Club	Lego and Board Game Club	Art Club

#### PTFA

We had another successful PTFA Coffee Morning and have now appointed a Chairperson, secretary and Finance Officer. Thank you to all who attended and for your support. Remember everyone is always welcome and help is always needed especially for upcoming events such as the Christmas Fayre. We have agreed to hold the Christmas Fayre on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of December.

*'Let all that you do be done in love.'* Corinthians 1 16:14

Best Wishes

*Ms L Jobling*

Headteacher

#### Dates for you diary:

Date	Event
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	First day back - Term 2
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	2pm New Parent Tour (Reception Class September 2022)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Height and Weight Assessment
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>After School Clubs begin for Term 2</b>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Service
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Dogs Trust Workshop for Year 1, Year 4 and Year 6 and whole school assembly
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Fundraising – details to follow
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Saint Andrew's Day – children can wear their Cubs, Scouts, Rainbows etc... uniforms to school
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christmas Fayre after school 3:15pm
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Children to bring an orange to school to make a Christingle
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle Service in St Margaret's Church
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Last After School Club for Term 2</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Immunisation Year R - Year 6
Week beginning Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Foundation Stage and Key Stage One Nativity Performances – arrangements <i>TBC</i>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 2 Christmas Jumper TAG Day £1 <b>School finishes at 1:30pm</b>
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Children return to school for Term 3

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