

Margaret Coates Centre Newsletter No: 1 Friday 7th September 2018



DIARY DATES

- 11th September – Riding with Platinum and Gold group
- 17th September – Joe's 5th birthday party and Gabriel's 10th birthday party
- 25th September – Riding with Silver and Gold group
- 9th October – Riding with Platinum and Gold group
- 18th October – Discovery Day Platinum class
- 20th October – 1030 – 1200 Saturday Club
- 23rd October – Riding Silver and Gold group
- 26th October – End of term

Welcome back to everyone and what a pleasure to have such a wonderful start to the new term as the children settled back into school so well. It has been lovely catching up with children and hearing about all their holiday adventures. I have enjoyed speaking with some parents at the beginning of the year and look forward to being able to catch up with more of you as the term goes on at some of the events we have planned.

On another note we are pleased to say that Emma Simmonds is expecting a baby and so will be away on maternity leave towards the end of term 2. Claire Burton from the mainstream school is going to be covering the maternity leave and she is already with us on a Monday all day and Tuesday and Wednesday morning as she learns the new role.

If you have any questions, ideas or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch with me either in person, by phone or by email on the address below.

Welcome ~ We welcome 4 new children to the Margaret Coates Centre this year. We have Oscar joining in Year 1 and Erin, Amina and Joe joining in Reception. Do introduce yourselves to the new parents and make them all feel welcome as they join us. We are looking forward to lots of adventures on their learning journey. We have also welcomed Steph Dodge to Gold Class as their teacher and two new psychology students from Bath University Megan Popplewell (Platinum Class) and Jess Carson (Gold Class)

Annual Reviews and meet the teacher ~Over the next week there will be a letter which will give the date of your child's annual review for the year. Also we will be arranging an opportunity to meet your child's teacher. This will be a chance to talk about how your child is settling in and any concerns you may have about their transition. Later in the Autumn there will also be a parents' evening where you will be able to discuss academic progress.

Request for old Lego sets ~If anyone has any old Lego sets that also have instructions we are building up a bank that can be used for our Lego Therapy sessions which form part of our speech and language work. Please send them in and we will give the old sets a new home.

Gold class new online Maths programme ~Gold class are trialling the Doodle Maths app <https://www.doodlemaths.com> This is an online resource to support your child's learning in Maths. It is fun and interactive with lots of games and activities set at an appropriate level. Please do have a look as we hope to use it across the MCC in the new year. Any feedback would be most appreciated.

Login: Child's Surname Password:MCC (Uppercase)

Reading at home ~ Many thanks for your support with their learning as together we can achieve the very best for them! For interactive online books, have a look at the Oxford Reading tree website <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> login details are Goldclass123 password:Learn@home

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Parent Support

Bridget Crawford, our wonderful TA in Gold class, has offered to be a port of call to all parents/families to help with giving information on access to benefits, support and discounts that are available to families of children with autism. Bridget herself is a parent of a former pupil and understands the difficulties that families can go through. She is a wealth of information and is always happy to chat either at drop off or pick up or at Saturday club.

Silver Class – We have started getting to know each other and have had lots of fun beginning to explore our water play area! We have been introduced to different ways to travel to music, and we really enjoyed exploring our play tunnel!

Gold Class – We have enjoyed lifting the lid on our new topic exploring a feely bag to work out our new topic. We have started the story of the Faraway Tree and in Art we began making decorations for our very own faraway tree.

Platinum Class – We have been getting to know each other and our likes and dislikes and hearing all about our holiday adventures. We have also been introduced to our new topic which is World War 2. We have been thinking about questions that we would like to investigate.



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