



News and Events - Summer Term, 2017

Spotlight on...Mr. Dermot Mooney, Headteacher

- Margaret Roper

We asked Mr. Mooney to comment on his perspective of Margaret Roper's PTA having worked with representative groups of parents throughout the school for the past 11 years.

"Ours is a truly phenomenal school with such supportive parents. As a small school with lower local authority contributions than others, the funding provided by the PTA is particularly valuable, and, over the years has enabled us to achieve wonderful things for our school that we would not have been able to do without the financial support of the PTA. I have been fortunate to work with many different individuals over the years and I thank the parents whole heartedly for their time, hard work and energy given to make PTA projects happen.

Beyond financial support, I see the PTA at Margaret Roper as a conduit between school and parents – more than the funding, it offers a fantastic social extension to the school, bringing together staff, parents and friends. Events like the Summer BBQ are a 'shop window' on our school and the wonderful ethos and sense of community we share – I am proud to boast of such a fantastic parent body and would encourage every new and existing family to get involved!"

Diary Dates...

Lolly Fridays are back! For sale every Friday after school in the playground!



Summer BBQ - Sat 1st July, 5 -

10pm Open to all, invite your friends and family along!



Wimbledon Week Stawberries -

Friday 7th July afer school - £1 donation for a summer treat for all the family!

Funding Update 2016/2017...

£9,000 raised to date, enabling

- * Salmon Garden completion
- * New curtains in hall
- *Classroom renovations
- * Netball posts upgrades

Event News...

"Easter Fayre" was held last term — a fabulous afternoon for the whole family. Thank you to everyone who volunteered both prior to the event and on the day, those who made contributions and those who attended. We raised a fantastic £1,300!



"Movie Night" was held on Friday 19th May for all years and was a great success! Your £3 contributions enabled a fun after school treat for the children whilst raising nearly £500 for our school!





PTA Funds Update...

The Salmon Garden - 'A place for reflection'

After much consultation with staff and children, the PTA agreed to contribute £5k to the funding received from Croydon Council to enable the recreation of Margaret Roper's "Salmon Garden", situated at the bottom end of the playground by the entrance to the field. Named after one of John the Baptist Parish's longstanding priests, Fr. Salmon, this replaced the garden that existed where the Canon Pannett classroom now stands. A special space for class liturgies and masses, this has been designed as a quiet, peaceful retreat for the children, a place for reflection. Children in older years 4,5 and 6, fondly remember the previous garden, and the hope is that our younger years will now also have the opportunity to enjoy the garden individually at their leisure or in larger groups for special celebrations.



We asked a group of children from Year 6 to share their views on the garden:

"We are delighted to have our garden back, it's even better than the last one."

"We're looking forward to having liturgies and masses in the garden throughout the summer, and can visit when things became a little noisy in the playground".

"It's great our ideas helped create such a beautiful garden, we love the water feature - it's so relaxing and the flower beds represent each house colour".





We'd love to hear from you.

Send your questions, comments and feedback to: pta.margaretroper@yahoo.co.uk,

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