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Friday 26th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Infant Nativity

Takes place on Wednesday 8th December at 2pm and again on Thursday 9th December at 9.30am. We are managing numbers to ensure that we can socially distance, and parents of Y2, Y1 and Reception have first priority for booking. Booking for tickets is through ParentPay and there is a small charity donation to CRISIS at Christmas on booking, in lieu of our annual charity collection at the Nativity.

It may be that we have tickets available for parents of Junior children, once the parents from the Infants have made their bookings and we haven't reached capacity. In which case, we will open bookings for other parents; I will let you know in next week's newsletter.

PTA News

Thanks so much for your donations of bottles today for our Christmas Fayre. On behalf of the Friends of Margaret Roper, we are grateful for your support. We are gearing up for the Fayre next Saturday between 12 and 3. Lots of our parents are hard at work organising, decorating and preparing – It is a big event and one that brings our school together. Please try to attend, let your friends know and PLEASE consider how you can help as well; the class reps are always looking for assistance and many hands make light work.

Let's make this Christmas Fayre one to remember!

Dogs at school

We have an agreement that dogs who are walked to school are 'parked' with supervision in the end of the playground by the hedge. This has generally worked well. Thank you, dog owners, for helping us to maintain the goodwill. Please remember that most school sites are always dog free zones; we are trying to accommodate dog lovers and those who are less keen but the onus is on dog owners to get this right and dog walkers are allowed access on sufferance. Stay aware of the rules.

On that matter, I have been approached by Thomas More School who maintain a strict no dogs policy for their school. This applies to access through the TM site for our parents. Please do not walk your dog up through the site; use the alleyway and come in our playground gate going directly to our dog parking zone. Again, please don't ignore this notice; I am trying hard to reach accommodation and avoid a blanket ban.

Pupil reports

Quiz Club – Science – *On the 24th November four children from Years Five and Six, Sophia, Santi, Mia and Kanya, went to St Cyprian's School for a regional science quiz. The questions were extremely hard, but we managed to get over 1000 points; coming third out of eight schools. It was a great achievement and everyone did really well, worked as a team and used strategy to help us answer. By Kanya & Mia.*

Cross Country – On Saturday 20th November pupils from Y2 to Y6 competed in the first of the South London Harriers races at Woodcote High School. Twenty-nine pupils attended and ran in four team races, Y2/3/4 Girls and Boys and Y5/6 Girls and Boys. The younger children ran one lap and the older ones ran two laps. We had some excellent results, with four pupils coming in the top 20 in Y2/3/4 girls, four pupils Top 20 in the Y2/3/4 boys and Four pupils top 20 in Y5/6 girls and 2 top 20 places in the Y5/6 boys. Top ten finishers included Sophie (4) Rose (6) Ella (8), Michael (1!), Mateo (5), Albert (7), Ted (3) and Edner (4). Great team performances and effort. Well done everyone!

The next race is in January and we hope to continue our success! By Gabrielle and Edner.

Netball – Last Friday a group of netballers from Y4 went to the Bee Netball Festival at Coombe Wood School. At first, we did a little training in groups and we had five minutes to complete every level. We did loads of catching and throwing to improve our skills. At the end we played some little matches where everyone could score. We had to throw the ball and hit a ‘creepy’ smiley face! We won a few matches and lost a few. We had lots of fun and all of the players played really well. Thank you to Mrs Piper and Mrs McCabe to taking us and organising. By Una & Isabella.

Muddy boots and shoes

If your children are taking part in an activity where they will have muddy boots; for instance, football training; at the end of the session, could you please encourage them to either knock the mud off their boots on the edge of the field, or take the boots home and knock the mud off there. What we are seeing is lots of mud knocked off on the playground, which then finds its way onto shoes, then inside onto carpets. We are reminding the children, but please try to help us with this.

Flu Vaccination:

The school nursing team were in school this week to administer the nasal flu vaccine. I know that some parents had not completed the permission form and were disappointed that their child could not receive the vaccine. Please note that Vaccine Clinics are still available at the Children’s Universal Services, 12-18 Lennard Road from 3.30pm - 5.30 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursdays afternoon. If you wish to book an appointment, please telephone 020 8274 6453.

Stars of the week:	Writers of the week:	Mathematicians of the week
Caterina & Jeremie	Chimde	Eva
Taliyah & Aron	Meghan	Evie
Tahlia & Catherine	Tabitha	Talia
Dolcie & Santi	Athena	Rose
Marissa & Tom	Ana	Nene
Oliver R & Josiah	Mia	Kanya

Congratulations to Sophie Leigh (Red Class) on the birth of her baby brother Isaiah, recently.

This week's attendance awards are as follows:

Y6 - 97.36 % attendance

Y2 & Y4 - 100% punctuality - well done to all the classes!

Have a lovely weekend.

D Mooney



Join us for
Festive Fun at

Margaret Roper School Christmas Fayre

SANTA'S GROTTTO - STALLS - GAMES & RIDES -
GRAND DRAW - DELICIOUS HOT FOOD - CAFE -
IRISH COFFEE & PROSECCO BAR - RAFFLE
PRIZES - LOTS OF FESTIVE FUN FOR EVERYONE



Saturday

4th December

12pm - 3pm

ENTRANCE PRICE FOR ADULTS £2.00

(KIDS FREE ENTRY)

SANTAS GROTTTO £6.00

RIDE PASS (WRISTBAND) £5.00 unlimited use



ALL WELCOME

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Father God,
Come be with us today.
Fill our hearts with joy.
Fill our minds with learning.
Fill our classrooms with peace.
Fill our lessons with fun.
Fill our friendships with kindness.
Fill our school with love.
Amen.



This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent, and Canon John will be celebrating penitential services in school next week.

The Wednesday Word is sent weekly to all families to support your children's spiritual development. Try, this Advent, to spend some time as a family in prayer or discussion with your children about the meaning of Advent and Christmas.



Caring, Learning and Achieving together as part of God's Family