# ST MARGARET'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER





Dear All,

I am absolutely delighted to welcome our children back at St Margaret's as we begin yet another academic year. Also, a huge welcome to our new Reception children who begin their primary school journey with us and are already settling in so well. As I walked around the school this week, I have felt a real buzz of energy and excitement as children have already been working hard and learning new things.

This week, we have gathered together for Collective Worship in the hall. This is something that we have not been able to do for such a long time due to Covid but it was a blessing to be able to have all year groups together as we reflected, celebrated, prayed and sang together! During this time, we shared our vision and values and discussed how we carry this out throughout our entire school day. I am excited to see how the children transform throughout this school year through their learning and through opportunities to be advocates for change as we launch our new Young Transformers programme.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of how the beginning and end of our school day operates. Our gates will be open from 8:30am and will close promptly at 8:45am. Your child can arrive at school at any point during these times and will make their own way to class. If the gate is closed because your child has arrived after 8:45am, then you will need to press the buzzer where a member of the office team will assist you. At the end of the day, we welcome parents to our playground where the classes will be dismissed at 3:15pm. Thank you in advance for leaving the playground promptly after you have collected your children.

I will conclude this week's newsletter with reference to Proverbs 22:6, which is our own School vision and is at the heart of everything that we do:

'Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.'

Have a fabulous weekend and I will see you all on the gates on Monday morning at 8:30am.

Yours faithfully, Miss Newman Head of School

### FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Flu immunisations will be on:

#### 8th December 2021

You will receive a letter soon regarding this, please make sure you complete the form and return it to the school before:

22nd November 2021

# **ASDA**

We have been awarded with a cheque from ASDA for being the runners

> up of the Green Taken Giving

Pragamme! This will help our school to be

equipped with

supplies / equipment.

#### SECONDARY SCHOOL

You must apply for your child's secondary school place online. You must apply online before:

**31st October 2021** 

The link for this is: www.eadmissions.org.uk

<u>Or</u>

you can use the link on: www.lbbd.gov.uk/admissions

# CONTACT DETAILS

If you get a new phone number or email address, please ensure you give it to the school

office, so you receive all letters and important information.



#### INVITATION: BARKING AND DAGENHAM BEST START

Location: The Ripple Centre, 121-125 Ripple Road, Barking, IG11 7FN

Friday 17th September 2021, 3.00 - 5.00 pm

Dear Resident,

I would like to invite you to a drop-in fair I am running on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021 from 3.00 – 5.00 pm.

These past couple of years have been tough for us all, but more than ever the last 18 months, in particular for children. Therefore, I am hosting this drop-in event for children, young people and families to connect with key local services in one place.

Lots of local services will be available to speak with you on the day. This includes Homes and Money Hub, Healthy Lifestyles, B&D Job Shop, Early Years and Youth Careers, and B&D College. There will be local playgroups such as Leyf Nurseries and Coocoon Club, and local health providers such as NHS Health Visitors. There will also be representation from local groups like Future Youth Zone and Studio 3 Arts.

This is a great opportunity to connect with, sign up for and find out about services in the Borough, see what activities are available locally for you and your children, or simply come down and have a cup of tea with me.

I hope that this event will be a great success. I am also planning on implementing a space where some of these local groups and services operate from on a permanent basis, for easy access in one place. I would welcome the opportunity to talk to you more about this on the day.

Please feel free to share this invitation with your friends and family, or anyone else who you think will be interested.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

With all good wishes.

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Margaret Hodge MP