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Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back to school. I hope you all had a lovely enjoyable summer break with your families. It is always lovely to see everyone again after the summer break and hear about everyone's exciting days out. Please can you make sure that your children are wearing school shoes and not black trainers? I'm hoping that all the uniform is named! It would be lovely if we didn't have any lost property.

A warm welcome to our new children and their families who have joined school this week. We all hope that you and your children soon settle into school life here at St Margaret's, but if you have any questions or concerns please speak to me or any member of staff. We are here to help and to ensure that we build a positive learning partnership with you.

This week, all the children will be coming home with our Home School agreement. We know that building a strong partnership between staff, parents and carers is important in helping children to achieve and to enjoy learning. We are determined to create an inclusive culture of learning where all children will be challenged in their thinking, to achieve to the best of their abilities and strive to become lifelong learners.

This can be done most effectively when all staff, parents and children understand their responsibilities and work together towards the same goals, as detailed in our Home School Agreement. Please send it back to school as soon as you can this week or next week.

We are delighted that Miss Edwards and Mr Reeves have joined our teaching staff. Miss Edwards will be teaching Woodpecker Class in Year 6 and Mr Reeves will be teaching Robin Class in Year 3. We welcome two new teaching assistants to our school; Ms Watts in Butterfly Class and Ms Fleming in Year 4. I know you will all make our new staff feel very welcome.

Please don't forget that this Friday is an Inset day.

Mornings in the playground



We are going to start mornings a little differently from now on. The classroom doors will be open from 8.45am so children can go straight into class. Please can I ask that if you need to have a long chat with your child's teacher that you don't do this when they are welcoming children in from the playground in the morning as they need to register the children promptly at 8.50am? Please can I also ask that you don't go into classrooms in the mornings with your children? This is for safeguarding reasons. This is slightly different in reception when children are first settling, but please be guided by staff when they ask you to say goodbye outside the classroom.

Myself and Mrs Woodcock are on the playground every morning so we are more than happy to pass on a message for you to staff. Staff are very happy to make an appointment or talk after school. The only afternoon when this is not possible is a Wednesday as that is when we have staff meetings.

Thank you.

Christian Value



This half term we will be focusing on the value of Hope. We will be discussing how important this value is to the learning we do in school.

We will be discussing how this is different to just wishing. We will be thinking about our hopes for the future and we will be thinking about how we can all take responsibility for

looking after our environment and each other.



Parent meetings



The dates for these meetings were in July's newsletters so I hope you remembered to put them into your diaries! The meetings are on the diary dates at the end of the newsletter. There will only be one meeting this year.

Reception	2.45pm Thurs 19 th September
Year 1	2.45pm Weds 11 th September (hall)
Year 2	2.45pm Tues 10 th September
Year 3	9.00am Thurs 12 th September (hall)
Year 4	9.00am Weds 11 th September
Year 5	2.45pm Weds 11 th September (studio)
Year 6	9.00am Thurs 12 th September (studio)

I know it is sometimes difficult for working parents to attend the meetings, so the information given out is all available on the website. I hope you find these meetings really useful as the teachers will be discussing their expectations for the year ahead and a brief idea of the work the children will be covering. Termly updates will be sent on Parentmail at the beginning of the Spring and Summer term.

Attendance



I am hoping that we can continue our good attendance from last year. As a school, we are continuing to work very hard to try and improve our overall school attendance, as research has shown that there is a direct link between pupil attainment and attendance. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and that they arrive to school on time every day. Any absence or lateness affects the pattern of a child's schooling and regular absence will

seriously affect their learning. Any pupil's absence or late arrival disrupts teaching routines and affects the learning of others in the same class.

Please can I remind you that

- If your child is absent, you must contact the school to inform us of this and to provide a reason
- Medical evidence may be requested for frequent absences. Wherever possible, we ask parents to try to make appointments for doctors and dentists before or after school. Where this is impossible, they should inform the School Office of such an appointment and it will be noted in the register. We will need to see proof of dental or hospital appointments.

Thank you for your support with ensuring your child is in school promptly every day.

Diary Dates

Please keep checking these dates and times as I will update them every week. New dates added are in bold.

I will try to give you as much notice as possible about forthcoming events at school. We will try not to change dates and times, but sometimes we do need to due to circumstances beyond our control.

Monday 2 nd September	First day of autumn term
Thursday 5th September	Planetarium to School for Year 5
Friday 6 th September	Inset day 1
Tuesday 10th September	2.45pm Year 2 Parents meeting (hall)
Wednesday 11th September	9.00am Year 4 Parents meeting (hall) 2.45pm Year 1 Parents meeting (hall) 2.45pm Year 5 Parents meeting (studio)
Thursday 12th September	9.00am Year 3 Parents meeting (hall) 9.00am Year 6 Parents meeting (studio)
Thursday 19th September	2.45pm Reception Parents meeting (hall)
Friday 20th September	Jeans for Genes Day
Tuesday 24th September	Individual photographs 1.30pm Year 3 & 4 Harvest Service at St Margaret's Church 2.15pm Year 5 & 6 Harvest Service at St Margaret's Church
Thursday 26th September	9.05am Key Stage 1 Harvest Worship
Thursday 3rd October	9.05am Year 6 Eucharist Service. Parents welcome in the hall for coffee/tea from 9.00am
Tuesday 15th October	Structured conversations

Wednesday 16th October	Structured conversations
21st-25th October	Year 6 Residential to Hindleap Warren
Thursday 24th October	9.05am Badger Class worship
Monday 28 th -Friday 1 st Nov	Half term
Friday 8th November	Inset day 2
Thursday 14th November	9.05am Owl Class worship
Thursday 21st November	9.05am Woodpecker Class worship
Thursday 28th November	9.05am Year 5 Eucharist Service. Parents welcome in the hall for coffee/tea from 9.00am
Thursday 12th December	2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performance to parents
Friday 13th December	9.15pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity Performance to parents
Tuesday 17th December	2.30pm Reception Performance to parents
Wednesday 18th December	9.15am Reception Performance to parents
Friday 20th December	Last day of autumn term 9.45am Year 3 & 4 Carol Service 10.45am Year 5 & 6 Carol Service
Monday 6 th January 2020	First day of spring term
Thursday 9th January	9.05am Swallow Class worship
Thursday 23rd January	9.05am Swift Class worship
Thursday 6th February	9.05 Year 4 Eucharist Service. Parents welcome in the hall for coffee/tea from 9.00am
Monday 17 th -Friday 21 st Feb	Half term
Monday 24 th February 2020	Inset day 3
Thursday 27th February	9.05am Kingfisher Class worship
Thursday 12 th March	9.05 Year 3 Eucharist Service. Parents welcome in the hall for coffee/tea from 9.00am
Thursday 19th March	9.05am Heron Class worship
Thursday 26th March	9.05am Robin Class worship
Tuesday 31st March	1.30 Year 3 & 4 Easter Service at St Margaret's Church 2.15 Year 5 & 6 Easter Service at St Margaret's Church
Friday 3 rd April 2020	Last day of spring term
Monday 20 th April 2020	First day of summer term
Thursday 23rd April	9.05am Ladybird Class worship
Thursday 30th April	9.05 Year 2 Eucharist Service. Parents welcome in the hall for coffee/tea from 9.00am
Thursday 7th May	9.05am Chaffinch Class worship
Thursday 14th May	9.05am Squirrel Class worship
Thursday 21st May	9.05am Hedgehog Class worship
Monday 25 th -Friday 29 th May	Half term
Thursday 4th June	9.05am Butterfly Class worship
Friday 12th June	Sports day
Thursday 18th June	9.05 Year 1 Eucharist Service. Parents welcome in the hall for coffee/tea from 9.00am
Friday 19th June	Reserve Sports day
Wednesday 1st -3rd July	Year 4 Residential (3 days) to High Ashurst
Monday 6th July	Inset day 4 (the date has had to change because of the change of dates of the Year 4 residential).
Friday 17 th July	Last day of summer term 2020
Monday 20 th July	Inset day 5

Thank you for all your support.

Jill Hine
Headteacher

