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Dear Parents and Carers

The last week of term was a very busy week for Year 6. Most of the year group went to Hindleap for their residential week and the remaining children were busy at school with activities they had planned. I must start by saying thank you to all the Year 6 children as they have been a real credit to our school.

I also want to say thank you to Mr McGivern, Miss Galley, Mrs Magno, Mrs Hulbert, Mrs Fox, Mrs Clark, and Mrs Morgan who went with the children to Hindleap. The children were very well behaved, polite and very supportive of one another. We were so pleased that, but not really too surprised, that the instructors at Hindleap Warren commented on how well our children behaved during the week. It was a wonderful week of personal challenges, new experiences, excitement, fun and enjoyment. It was tiring and non-stop for everyone, but I know we see a different side to your children when they are away on a residential and I'm sure they see us in a different light too (especially at 6.00am in the morning or earlier)! I hope they have talked constantly over the past week about their experiences. I especially want to thank all the staff who go, as without them a residential could not even be contemplated. Staff are constantly on call 24 hours a day and they leave their families and children behind to go. I'm sure you will all extend your thanks to the staff as well.

Special thanks to all the staff who had a great time with the children who stayed at school. They had a busy and very enjoyable week filled with cooking, creating and many other activities.

This is the latest NHS guidance about coronavirus.

Please do not use a lateral flow test on your children if you think they have symptoms of Covid. They need to have a PCR test.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
2. Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the test result – they can only leave home to have the test. [Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate.](#)

Book of Brilliance



Every week we are celebrating children who have shown wonderful manners, have helped another child or an adult, have demonstrated our values or another reason that has really impressed an adult in school. All adults can write any child's name in the 'Book of Brilliance' during the week and then the names are read out every week in worship.

Well done to you all.

Golden Leaf certificates



Well done to the children who were awarded a Golden Leaf on the last Wednesday before half term. We will celebrate both reception Classes and year 6 Golden leaves on Friday this week.

Well done to you all.

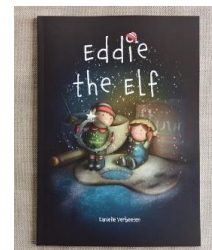
All the children enjoyed a special golden afternoon tea straight after worship. Mrs Winton and I are looking forward to having another golden afternoon tea with the four Golden Leaf children from Reception and Year 6 later this week as well!

A Mrs Verbetten author visit



Hello! For those of you that don't know me my name is Danielle, and I've had 3 children at St Margaret's, with now only one in year 5.

I've worked 20 years in the design industry and have just written and illustrated my first children's book 'Eddie the Elf,' which I'm really excited about sharing with all the children next week. Two and a half years ago, when I started it, I shared it with some of the children and it's great to be able to come back and show them the final book. I'll be visiting every class and talking to the children about how it's possible to create your own stories, develop characters, and hopefully inspire them to see how anybody can turn an idea into reality. We'll



be drawing lots of elves together and by the end hopefully we'll have a St Margaret's whole school Elfie portrait of all the little elves your kids have created.

My 'Eddie the Elf' book will be for sale on Thursday 11th November in The Studio, where I can sign and dedicate the book to anyone for Christmas gifts. 10% from every sale will be going towards the school. If you wish to order from my online shop instead www.danielleverbetten.co.uk please use the school code 'STMARGS' and money will also be donated. Please put your child's name and year after the code so I can manage getting your orders to you.

I can't wait to visit!

Attendance

School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's.

Reception	Butterfly	86.07
	Ladybird	97.14
Year 1	Hedgehog	81.33
	Squirrel	89.67
Year 2	Badger	85.36
	Fox	95.52
Year 3	Chaffinch	94.16
	Robin	93.00
Year 4	Swallow	91.20
	Swift	96.37
Year 5	Heron	95.86
	Kingfisher	100.00
Year 6	Owl	98.71
	Woodpecker	96.33



Well done to Kingfisher Class, again, for having the highest attendance in the last week before half term.
100%

Overall School Attendance: 93.61%

Our new Christian Value-Peace

Our new Christian value for the next half term is Peace. We will discuss many different aspects about peace including:
 Inner peace - learning how to calm oneself, coping with anxieties and fears, enjoying silence, becoming more reflective, cultivating a contented spirit
 Peace between each other in school - making and keeping friends, sorting out arguments, making compromises, letting go of hostile feelings, building bridges, learning how to listen to each other.
 Peace in the community - respecting differences, listening and talking with those who hold opposite views to you, honouring each other, finding common ground.
 Peace in the world - ending wars, working for peace and peacekeeping, talking not fighting.
 Peace with God - forgiveness, a new start, being reconciled to God; Christians believe that this is where it all must start for true peace to be found both inside ourselves and between each other.



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.

Wednesday 3 rd November	Year 6 Bouldering session 2.45pm Year 4 High Ashurst meeting
Thursday 4 th November	Owl Class start Forest School for 4 weeks: 4 th , 11 th , 18 th & 25 th November
Monday 8th November	Hedgehog Class start Forest School: 8 th , 15 th & 22 nd November Mrs Verbetten, in all week, to share her book 'Eddie the Elf'.
Wednesday 10 th November	Year 4 to Cineworld
Thursday 11 th November	Mrs Verbetten, in The Studio selling her book 'Eddie the Elf' after school until 4.00pm
Friday 19th November	Children In Need Day The school council have decided that children can wear Spot and Stripes for a suggested £1 donation.
Tuesday 23 rd November	Year 3 to Cineworld
Wednesday 24 th November	Year 5 & 6 to Cineworld
Friday 26 th November	Children wear their own clothes for a donation for Elfridges or a £1 donation. Wreath making evening 7.00pm
Monday 29 th November	Squirrel Class start Forest School: 29 th Nov, 6 th & 13 th Dec
Thursday 2 nd December	Stone Age Day Portals-Year 3 Woodpecker Class start Forest School for 3 weeks: 2 nd , 9 th & 16 th December
Monday 6 th December	Last swimming session for Swift Class
Friday 10 th December	Elfridges at school
Friday 17 th December	Last day of Autumn term
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	First day of Spring term
Monday 10 th January	Swallow Class start swimming for 10 weeks
Saturday 15 th January 2022	Last day to apply for a Reception school place
Monday 21 st - 25 th Feb 2022	Half term
Monday 28 th February 2022	Inset Day 4
Monday 28 th March	Last swimming session for Swallow Class
Monday 4 th April	Fox Class start swimming
Friday 8 th April 2022	Last day of Spring term
Monday 25 th April 2022	First day of Summer term
Monday 30 th -3 rd June 2022	Half term
Monday 6 th June	Last swimming session for Fox Class
Monday 13 th June	Badger Class start swimming
Friday 1 st July 2022 TBC	Inset Day 5
Wednesday 6 th July-Friday 8 th July	Year 4 residential to High Ashurst
Monday 18 th July	Last swimming session for Badger Class
Thursday 21 st July 2022	Last day of term

Stay safe and take care.
 Thank you for your continuing support.
 Jill Hine, Headteacher

