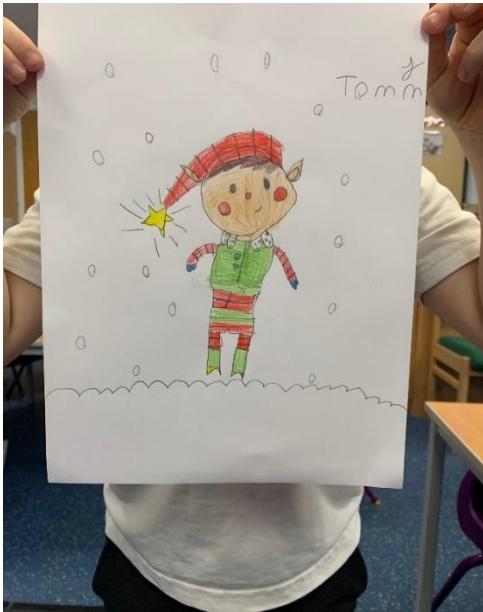




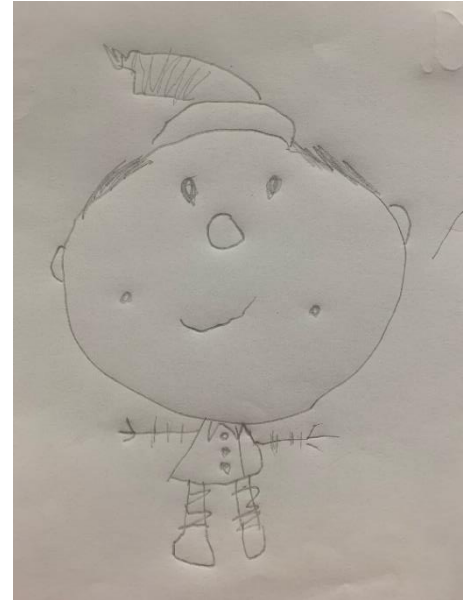
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Monday 15th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers



The children loved talking, drawing and listening to Eddie the Elf last week with Mrs Verbeeten. Mrs Verbeeten has agreed to another date for signing on the 2nd December after school in The Studio.



I am really sorry that I'm starting the newsletter with a moan, but some parents are still parking without consideration for others. One of our parents was late for an appointment last week as her car was blocked in by someone not parking with any thought for others. Please do not park in a way that blocks in other cars or across garages or driveways. Thank you.

This week is Anti Bullying week and the children can wear odd socks on Monday 15th November, but if you forget on Monday any day this week will be fine. It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! There is no need to donate, it is just about recognising and celebrating the fact that we are all different.



Covid

The number of cases of Covid at school and the Nursery is increasing. We will send a letter by Parentmail if there is a case in the class that your child is in. We can't name children or staff who have had a positive PCR test result and so we can't say if your child has been in close contact. This is the latest advice on who a contact is defined as:

4.4 Contact definition

A contact is a person who has had close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 during their infectious period (2 days before to 10 days after onset of symptoms, or 2 days before the date a positive test was taken to 10 days afterwards if asymptomatic). A contact can be:

- anyone who lives in the same household as another person who has COVID-19 symptoms or has tested positive for COVID-19
- anyone who has had any of the following types of contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19:
- face-to-face contact including being coughed on or having a face-to-face conversation within one metre
- been within one metre for one minute or longer without face-to-face contact
- been within 2 metres of someone for more than 15 minutes (either as a one-off contact, or added up together over one day)

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

Please remember to contact the school and inform Mr Chambers in the office (Mrs Hiscock if your child is in the Nursery) of any Covid related absences. Once you have completed a PCR test and if the results are positive, we would appreciate it if a copy of the positive PCR test result could be emailed to the school office or Mr Chambers directly – steve.chambers@stmagsifield.co.uk or Mrs Hiscock for the Nursery.



School Christmas Dinner



We have organised for our school Christmas dinner to be on the day when we are all wearing our Christmas jumpers-Friday 10th December!

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to have a free Christmas lunch, so parents and carers you don't need to do anything more.

If your child is in Key Stage 2 and you pay for lunches and you would like your child to have Christmas lunch on this day, please go to Chartwells website to order one.

<https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk/>

If your child is in Key Stage 2 and you don't have to pay for lunches and you would like your child to have Christmas lunch on this day, please reply to the Parentmail that was sent last week. The deadline is Tuesday 16th November.

School Christmas Tree Decorations



Every year we have a theme for the homemade decorations for our school Christmas tree. This year all the tree decorations need to be made from anything that has been recycled as I think that fits so well with the recent COP26 meetings. The children can make any decoration as long as it has a Christmas theme. If you would like the decoration returned please make sure it has a name on the back. All decorations also need a looped thread that we can hang it by. Please send decorations in on December 1st as that is when our tree is arriving.

Thank you for encouraging your children to take part. I am sure our tree will look lovely again this year.

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.

Attendance

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

Overall School Attendance for last week: 95.05%



Reception	Butterfly	96.43
	Ladybird	94.24
Year 1	Hedgehog	94.84
	Squirrel	91.28
Year 2	Badger	91.54
	Fox	96.53
Year 3	Chaffinch	99.68
	Robin	95.03
Year 4	Swallow	94.58
	Swift	93.20
Year 5	Heron	93.92
	Kingfisher	96.33
Year 6	Owl	99.34
	Woodpecker	92.71

Well done to Chaffinch Class for having the highest attendance last week. Nearly 100%

Leaf certificates



Well done to the children who were awarded a Leaf certificate during our Friday Leaf Worship.

Well done to you all.

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 15 th -Friday 19 th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week Odd Socks Day on Monday 15 th November
Friday 19 th November	Children In Need Day The school council have decided that children can wear Spot and/or 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.
Monday 29 th November	Squirrel Class start Forest School: 29 th Nov, 6 th & 13 th Dec
Thursday 2nd December	Stone Age Day Portals-Year 3 Woodpecker Class start Forest School for 3 weeks: 2 nd , 9 th & 16 th December After school in The Studio. Extra day for book signing with Danielle Verbeeten and her book.-Eddie the Elf.
Monday 6 th December	Last swimming session for Swift Class
Friday 10th December	School Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day at school 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