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Dear Parents and Carers

It is going to be getting colder over the next two weeks, so please make sure that children are sent with warm coats. All gloves, hats and scarves must be named as should school uniform. I often find school uniform around school that isn't named and it is then really difficult to know who it belongs to. Please name all uniform as we can find who it belongs to and return it.

Don't forget it is Christmas Jumper day on Friday with school uniform on the bottom half! Donations can be made online on the just giving page. Mr Chambers has sent the details out already for this, but they are repeated on the diary dates at the end of the newsletter.



Year 1 children were all treated to a goodie bag each with a Crawley Town Football shirt last week.

Here are Hedgehog Class with the Crawley Town mascot 'Reggie the Red'.



Our Reindeer Run is today and I think may well be aptly named as it looks like it's going to rain all day! I know the children will love running round the playground wearing their reindeer headbands raising money for St Catherine's Hospice, a charity close to many of our hearts. We have decided not to give out sponsor forms, so please donate on the just giving page:
<http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/StMagsReindeerRun>



As always, if everyone raised £1 that would be an amazing boost to their fundraising.

Our tree is looking amazing. A big thank you to Sienna, Sonny and Zain's grandad who brought it into school and donated it to us.

It is such a shame that you can't come into school to see our Christmas tree as it is such a lovely tree.

There are some amazing decorations already on the tree. This year all the tree decorations need to be made from anything that has been recycled. 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.



Year 3 –Stone Age Day



We had a wonderful day on Thursday where we saw some fantastic costumes, thank you to all parents for your efforts. Our day consisted of learning about the three different parts of the Stone Age, artefacts and animal skin used in the Stone Age and all about Stonehenge!

Our morning began by using our knowledge learnt in our history lessons of hunter gatherers to escape a woolly mammoth and push it into a puddle using team strategies, we learnt about finding food and how Neanderthals battled for the food. We then put our knowledge to the test by answering a quiz using knowledge boards provided. As well as this, we were shown lots of different artefacts and animal skins from the Stone Age, we all got an opportunity to touch and pass them round and we even held a real mammoth tooth from thousands of years ago.

We finished our afternoon by working as a team to build our own Stonehenge with bricks. We had lots of opportunities to ask questions and extend our learning.

What a brilliant day!



Attendance



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

We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Children who are regularly absent from school and are regularly late do not achieve their potential and fall behind in class.

Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time by 8.50am every day.

Attendance matters! It is important that your child gets to school on time and aims for 100% attendance!

Reception	Butterfly	88.07
	Ladybird	84.56
Year 1	Hedgehog	97.10
	Squirrel	96.89
Year 2	Badger	93.36
	Fox	90.77
Year 3	Chaffinch	95.22
	Robin	93.79
Year 4	Swallow	97.08
	Swift	94.55
Year 5	Heron	94.32
	Kingfisher	93.79
Year 6	Owl	92.55
	Woodpecker	96.56

Well done to Hedgehog Class for having the highest attendance last week.

Overall School Attendance: 93.79%

New Writing Award

This week we celebrated:



Reception	Butterfly	Both teachers were absent for most of the week so they will choose two children next week.
	Ladybird	
Year 1	Hedgehog	
	Squirrel	
Year 2	Badger	
	Fox	
Year 3	Chaffinch	
	Robin	
Year 4	Swallow	
	Swift	
Year 5	Heron	
	Kingfisher	
Year 6	Owl	
	Woodpecker	

Well done to you all. Who will be receiving the writing award next week?

Leaf certificates

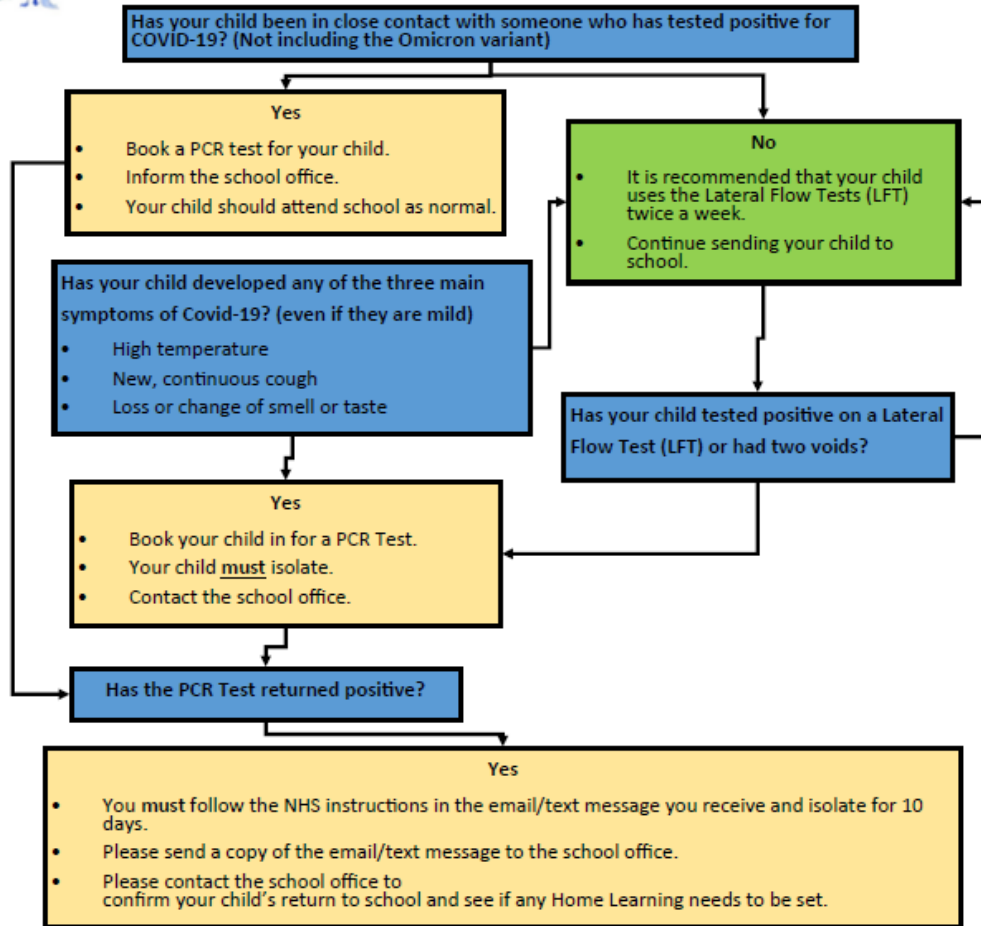


Well done to the children who were awarded a Leaf certificate during our Friday Leaf Worship.

Well done to you all.



St Margaret's Covid Guide



When do you not need to self-isolate

If you live with or have been in contact with someone with COVID-19, you will not need to self-isolate if any of the following apply;

- You are fully vaccinated (14 days have past since your final dose given by the NHS).
- You are under the age of 18 months and 6 months.
- You are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons.
- You are taking part or have taken part in a COVID-19 Vaccine trial.

However, if you live with or have been in contact with someone who may have the 'Omicron' variant of COVID-19, this does not apply and you will need to self-isolate. NHS Test and Trace will contact you if this is the case.

This is information taken from the Gov.uk website and adapted to support the community of St Margaret's CE Primary School.
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1036663/Schools_guidance_update_for_Omicron_-_29_Nov.pdf

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. There are 2 weeks to celebrate this week as I didn't update the names last week. Sorry.

Well done to you all.



House Points



I will publish the weekly house point totals in the newsletter from now on. I always share them with the children on our virtual worship, but I think you will also want to see how close these termly competitions are.

Blue	9950
Red	10690
Yellow	12036
Green	12336



250 House Points

Well done to all the children who achieved their 250 House Points this week. Keep it up for the 500 House Point certificate!

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 6 th December	Reindeer Run for St Catherine's Hospice http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/StMagsReindeerRun Last swimming session for Swift Class
Friday 10 th December	School Christmas Lunch Christmas Jumper Day at school. Please send your donation to Save the Children to: http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/StMagsChristmasJumper Elfridges at school
Friday 17 th December	Last day of Autumn term
Tuesday 4 th January	First day of Spring term
Thursday 6th January	Heron Class start Forest School: 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th January
Monday 10 th January	Swallow Class start swimming for 10 weeks
Saturday 15 th January	Last day to apply for a Reception school place
Thursday 3rd February	Kingfisher Class start Forest School: 3rd, 10th & 17th February
Monday 21 st - 25 th Feb	Half term
Monday 28 th February	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	Last day of Spring term
Monday 25 th April	First day of Summer term
Monday 30 th - 3 rd June	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	Last day of term

Stay safe and take care.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Jill Hine

Headteacher