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***Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential***

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a very enjoyable Christmas and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a healthy, happy and peaceful New Year. On behalf of all the staff I would like to thank you all for your very generous gifts. They are most appreciated. Thank you.



Thank you to the many parents who have donated books from our Amazon wish lists. I always try to write a personal thank you letter if you have donated books, but sometimes the books come through as an anonymous donation so I am unable to then. All your gifts are most appreciated so thank you.

The winners of the Hamper were the Arnold and Young family. I am sure that both families enjoyed their hampers over the festive period.

This child has read the '100 books that all children should read before they leave primary school'. An amazing feat and she was rewarded with a trip to Waterstones so she could buy some more books.

Well done!

### **Covid measures**

As you will all know we have been keeping to year group bubbles since September and returning to school this term we won't be changing any of our practices. We ventilate all rooms by keeping windows open and open all doors during break times. Tables are cleaned with anti-bac spray and children still wash their hands several times during the day.

There may be some disruption, at times, to the adults in the room due to staff illness and we ask for advice from relevant bodies when necessary. The useful flowchart is being sent with this newsletter as government guidance concerning self-isolation times have changed.



## Thankfulness-Christian Value



This half term our Christian value is Thankfulness. We will be looking at why being thankful is important and discussing what the children are thankful for in their lives. We will also be discussing many issues:

- How do we encourage an appreciative and thankful attitude in all members of our school community?
- How does the school raise consciousness of being thankful for those things we often take for granted? How do we encourage children to show gratitude in practical ways?
- How do we give thanks for new members of our school community?

I am sure that you will encourage your children to talk about what they are thankful for and how they can show their appreciation as well.

## Golden Leaf certificates



Well done to all the children who received a Golden Leaf Certificate on the last Tuesday of term.

All the children enjoyed a special golden afternoon tea straight after worship and we were joined by Isaac and Dixie as we hadn't celebrated their Golden Leaves from the first half term.

## Termly Parents Meetings

This term we will be holding meetings for you to hear about how you can support our child's learning. They will be held either at morning drop off or just before end of school pick up.

The teachers will share the learning for the term and any key dates that you will need to know. We would ask that you come to the time and date that is for your child's class, but if you can't make that one then please attend the other classes. We really want to ensure there is a safe environment for everyone, so that is why the meetings are being held twice.

Don't worry if you can't make a meeting as all the information will be posted on Seesaw.

Reception Hall	Butterfly Class 2.45pm Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Ladybird Class 2.45pm Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 1 The Studio	Hedgehog Class 2.45pm Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Squirrel Class 2.45pm Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 2 Hall	Badger Class 2.45pm Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Fox Class 2.45pm Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 3 Hall	Chaffinch Class 2.45pm Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Robin 2.45pm Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 4 The Studio	Swallow Class 2.45pm Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Swift Class 2.45pm Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 5 Hall	Heron Class 8.45am Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Kingfisher Class 8.45am Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
Year 6 The Studio	Owl Class 2.45pm Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Woodpecker Class 2.45pm Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January

## 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 all the children.

## 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	94.29
	Ladybird	92.14
Year 1	Hedgehog	92.86
	Squirrel	93.10
Year 2	Badger	86.30
	Fox	87.24
Year 3	Chaffinch	94.18
	Robin	92.31
Year 4	Swallow	96.79
	Swift	95.00
Year 5	Heron	94.52
	Kingfisher	92.86
Year 6	Owl	95.48
	<b>Woodpecker</b>	<b>97.93</b>

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

**Overall School Attendance: 97.93%**

## 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.

<b>Blue</b>	<b>11,588</b>
<b>Red</b>	<b>12,591</b>
<b>Yellow</b>	<b>13,787</b>
<b>Green</b>	<b>14,181</b>



### 250 House Points

Well done to all the children who have achieved their 250 House points. 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.

Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of Spring term 2.45pm Chaffinch Parents meeting in the hall 2.45pm Swallow Parents meeting in the Studio
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	2.45pm Butterfly Parents meeting in the hall 2.45pm Owl Class Parents meeting in the Studio
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	8.45pm Heron Parents meeting in the hall 2.45pm Hedgehog Parents meeting in the Studio 2.45pm Badger Parents meeting in the hall Heron Class start Forest School: 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> January
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Swallow Class start swimming for 10 weeks
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of Spring term 2.45pm Robin Parents meeting in the hall 2.45pm Swift Parents meeting in the Studio
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	2.45pm Ladybird Parents meeting in the hall 2.45pm Woodpecker Class Parents meeting
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	8.45pm Kingfisher Parents meeting in the hall 2.45pm Squirrel Parents meeting in the Studio 2.45pm Fox Parents meeting in the hall Heron Class start Forest School: 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> January
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Last day to apply for a Reception school place
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Kingfisher Class start Forest School: 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> February
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day 4
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last swimming session for Swallow Class
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Fox Class start swimming
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Spring term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Last swimming session for Fox Class
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Badger Class start swimming
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022 TBC	Inset Day 5
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July-Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 residential to High Ashurst
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last swimming session for Badger Class
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term

Stay safe and take care.  
Thank you for your continuing support.

Jill Hine  
Headteacher

