



Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

Monday 17th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all enjoyed the weekend. With the weather being colder now, please ensure your child comes with a coat and make sure that all items of clothing are named. Can you also check the school uniform for names when you wash it? This is to check that a name is still visible if you've written them in and also if the clothing does belong to your child! Children only change for Forest School and some clubs now, but we all know how easily clothes are picked up by another child. Thank you.

Top 5 questions parents can ask their children:

1. **What did you learn today? How do you know?**
2. **What was the learning challenge you worked on today? What did you learn from it?**
3. **What feedback did you get from your teachers today and how did you use it?**
4. **How did you go about your learning to day?**
5. **Did you make progress in your learning to day? How do you know?**



We thought you would like these questions ideas. Many parents ask their children, myself included in the past, what did you do at school today and many children reply 'I can't remember', so try asking one or more of the questions and see if you have a different reply. Let us know!

Please can I remind you that all children with long hair need to have it tied back when in school? Hair accessories should be minimal, plain and in school colours-blue, black or white.
Thank you.

We have started using a bumped head wrist band to show if your child has an accident at school that involved a bump to their head. They are fluorescent orange so stand out quite easily to all adults at home and at school and need to be cut off so they can't just fall off children's wrists. We are sure that this extra addition to keeping children safe will already strengthen our care for children.



Leaf certificates



Well done to all the children who received a Leaf Certificate on Friday.



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	96.83
	Ladybird	90.00
Year 1	Hedgehog	90.32
	Squirrel	94.67
Year 2	Badger	96.55
	Fox	95.71
Year 3	Chaffinch	99.68
	Robin	99.68
Year 4	Swallow	99.68
	Swift	97.95
Year 5	Heron	93.55
	Kingfisher	94.56
Year 6	Owl	92.90
	Woodpecker	95.86

Well done to Chaffinch, Robin and Swallow Classes for having the highest attendance last week.

Well done to Year 3 who had the best attendance last week. 99.68%

Overall School Attendance: 95.41%

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.

Green	15, 705
Yellow	15, 115
Red	13, 681
Blue	12, 201



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!

Writing Award

The children are delighted with the new writing trophy. One child, who received the trophy last week, said 'It made me feel so proud'.

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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.

Thursday 3 rd February	Kingfisher Class start Forest School: 3 rd , 10 th & 17 th February
Thursday 17 th February	Year 3 Roman Day. Details have been sent out
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 17th June	Sports Day-details nearer the time
Friday 24th June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 1 st July 2022 TBC	Inset Day 5
Wednesday 6 th -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