



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

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers



We are so excited and delighted with our new World Map that was installed last week. I love maps and from listening to many children's comments last week I'm not alone!

It was lovely to see almost every child in Key Stage 1 eating a hot meal on Thursday. If parents whose children don't normally eat school dinners would like to try them again, please email the school office. We will need to ensure we have enough meals and this takes 2 week's notice before the orders will be adjusted up.

Many Key Stage 2 children also had a hot meal. Again if parents would like to order these more often and if you pay for school dinners you can order via

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

Inconsiderate car parking once again has caused local residents unwarranted frustration. Please do not park in front of houses down The Mardens. Residents are unable to drive on or off their driveways because of parents parking without consideration. We are very lucky that there is a big car park so close to school which has a path into The Mardens that all parents/carers can use. There is no need to park down The Mardens as there is such limited parking there. My final plea is for parents/carers not to park where the car park opens into The Mardens. If you park here it really affects the access for families walking from the car park. One of our children had a nasty accident here, because there was a car parked in this spot, and broke her arm quite badly. Please think about parking thoughtfully and carefully so that no one is upset. Thank you.



## Structured Conversations



This term, because we still have many cases of Covid in school, we are going to hold our structured conversations by telephone once again. We won't be able to meet you face to face, but we plan to have a telephone conversation with every parent before half term.

Please book a time slot on line using Parentmail. These will be going live 9am on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January. Please be aware that when structured conversations take place the number may come through as blocked, so please answer the phone if you are expecting your child's class teacher to

call at that time! The call can only last for a maximum of 10 minutes. This is the same amount of time as the face to face meeting used to be. If you need further time then the member of staff will arrange to call you back at another time.

We also need to ensure that they have the correct number to call you on, so please fill in the number you would like to be called on the Structured Conversations Parentmail reply.

Class	Day	Day	Class	Day	Day
Butterfly	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Chaffinch	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Ladybird	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Robin	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Hedgehog	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Swallow	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Squirrel	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Swift	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Badger	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Heron	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Fox	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Kingfisher	14 <sup>th</sup> Feb	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb
			Owl	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb
			Woodpecker	15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb

## Nightingales After School Club

We are looking at the possibility of starting up an after school club to support parents and carers. This is still in the early stages of planning but we need to know if we will have sufficient children attending on a regular basis. Please **ONLY** complete this survey if you are interested in your child attending the Nightingales Club. Please contact the school office if you have any queries. <https://forms.gle/scf9AU7KDEavpsyd9>

## 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	97.12
	Ladybird	93.46
Year 1	Hedgehog	97.95
	<b>Squirrel</b>	<b>99.33</b>
Year 2	Badger	95.17
	Fox	93.21
Year 3	Chaffinch	97.70
	Robin	96.43
Year 4	Swallow	97.98
	Swift	94.49
Year 5	Heron	93.67
	Kingfisher	98.91
Year 6	Owl	99.00
	Woodpecker	94.06

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

**Well done to Year 1 who  
had the best attendance  
last week.  
98.65%**

**Overall School Attendance: 96.34%**



## Leaf certificates and Writing Awards



As we had no internet on Friday we couldn't have our usual worship because the classes all join remotely. We will celebrate our leaf winners and writing award children this afternoon.

## 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.

## 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	16,807
Yellow	16,073
Red	14,633
Blue	13,633



250 House Points

Well done to all the children. 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.

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Kingfisher Class start Forest School: 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Monday-Thursday 14-17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Structured conversations</b>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Roman Day. Details have been sent out
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
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Sports Day-details nearer the time</b>
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Reserve Sports Day</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022 TBC	Inset Day 5
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> -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