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Dear Parents and Carers

This week is an exciting week at St Margaret's. We are going to have the whole school worship with all classes back in the hall. This will be the first time we will have had all the children together for nearly 2 years now so it really will be quite an emotional time. We are also having break time without zones, so the children can play together with different year groups. We will keep a very close eye on Covid infection rates and if we have to reintroduce bubbles we will do so.

Please don't forget to make your structured conversation appointments for next week.



Seesaw messages

Thank you for using Seesaw. I need to clarify that staff do have 24 hours to respond to any question or comment you post and staff will not be responding between 6.00pm and 8.00 am. I'm sure you will understand that they have busy home lives too!

You can still use the school office email address or call the school if you prefer. Please can we also remind all parents that you should not be reporting any absences on Seesaw. You must use either Parentmail, the school's absence line or speak directly to the office staff to report your child absent.

Exciting news

Nuffield Health is offering our families a "Fit School" open week from 28th February to 6th March. They have emailed to say:

FAMILIES OF ST MARGARET'S CE PRIMARY ARE INVITED TO OUR "FIT SCHOOL" OPEN WEEK 28th FEBRUARY TO 6th MARCH. FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK YOUR VISIT CALL 01293 608000 OR EMAIL Eloise.ozkeskin@nuffieldhealth.com

Mr Chambers will be sending out the poster with the newsletter.

Attendance and Covid

We now have to code all Covid related absences from school as an illness in the attendance registers. This will affect your child's attendance percentages if they are now absent with Covid. There is nothing that we can or should do differently as we all need to follow the government's current advice which is on the current flow chart that Mr Chambers updates every time the guidance changes. There have been numerous changes and we all know it is hard to keep track so that is why we all find the flowchart very helpful!

Important message from the County Road Safety Team at West Sussex County Council

In recent months, it has been brought to our attention that there is an increasing number of individuals riding e-scooters on the public highway, pavements and in public open spaces, often causing a nuisance to other road and pavement users.

E-scooters are a relatively new mode of transport and as such the Government is trialling various schemes and developing the guidance around their safe use. However, (at the time of writing this letter) many are still unaware e-scooters are classed as 'Personal Light Electric Vehicles' (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements such as:



- Driving licence
- Insurance
- Number plates
- Lighting
- Brakes
- Type approval
- Road tax
- Crash helmets etc.

Without these, e-scooters cannot be used legally on the road and certainly not until legislation has been put in place. In no circumstances is it legal to ride on an e-scooter with a passenger(s) and is considered extremely dangerous. The illegal use of an e-scooter, on the public highway or pavement, is considered a criminal offence and can potentially bring about criminal proceedings.

The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK (find out more here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/e-scooter-trials-guidance-for-users>).

Only approved rental e-scooters may be used in the Government-led trial areas, in line with specific terms of use. For the rest of the country, under current law, e-scooters can only be used on private land.

The police are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances, the police have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act. There will be more and more police presence in the coming weeks and months specifically targeting e-scooter users in West Sussex.

For further detailed information regarding e-scooters please visit GOV.UK: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/powered-transporters/information-sheet-guidance-on-powered-transporters>

Leaf certificates



Well done to all the children who received a Leaf Certificate in Friday's worship.

Well done to you all.

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 that had their name in the book of Brilliance.



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	94.48
	Ladybird	77.59
Year 1	Hedgehog	95.24
	Squirrel	94.84
Year 2	Badger	88.28
	Fox	93.01
Year 3	Chaffinch	92.90
	Robin	92.58
Year 4	Swallow	100.0
	Swift	87.60
Year 5	Heron	84.52
	Kingfisher	94.67
Year 6	Owl	95.16
	Woodpecker	89.66

Well done to Swallow Class for having the highest attendance last week- 100%. You can't do any better!

Well done to Year 1 who had the best attendance last week. 94.75%

Overall School Attendance: 91.38%

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	18,563
Yellow	17,847
Red	16,038
Blue	15,046



250 House Points

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

Writing Award

Reception	Butterfly	
	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.

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-Thursday 14-17 th February	Structured conversations
Thursday 17 th February	Year 3 Roman Day. Details have been sent out
Friday 18 th February	School Council. Non Uniform Day. Sporty clothing for suggested £1 donation.
Monday 21 st - 25 th Feb	Half term
Monday 28 th February	Inset Day 4
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day. Details to follow.
Monday 28 th March	Last swimming session for Swallow Class Dr Diane Davies, Archaeologist, with Year 6 all day.
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 17 th June	Sports Day-details nearer the time
Friday 24 th 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