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

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all enjoyed the half term week and that you weren't too badly affected by the winds. We have a busy 6 weeks planned for the children and hopefully we will be welcoming more parents back into school for events now that restrictions are easing. If our Covid numbers increase we will have to return to some measures, but as always we will keep you fully informed.

Our Golden Leaf certificates didn't take place on the last Friday before half term as the weather meant we had to close the school, but they will be given out today.

### **World Book Day**

Mr Chambers sent out the idea for dressing up as ambitious vocabulary on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. If you have already bought a costume or have an outfit in mind then all you have to do is think of a word that goes with the character. I'm still busy thinking about my outfit to fit my word!

### **Changes to Self isolation**

As of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022, the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive covid test has been removed.

The Government continues to recommend that people who test positive, should still stay home and avoid contact with others.

We wish to inform you that we require all children and staff to continue to follow this advice until the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 when further Government updates will be provided.

As the children and staff are no longer asymptomatic testing (using LFT kits), they are only likely to test positive, via a PCR if they become symptomatic.

Therefore, if your child has any of the Covid symptoms, please book a PCR test and keep them at home until the result is known.

- If the result is negative, they can return to school that day.
- If the result is positive, you should send a copy of the NHS email notification to the school office and your child should remain at home accessing remote learning, for a period of five days minimum and ten days maximum. Full guidance can be found on our Covid Flow chart.

Children should no longer be asymptomatic testing using LFT, when they have no symptoms and this is therefore no longer a valid reason to be absent from school.

Children should only be absent if they have symptoms and are booked for a PCR test. Please only use the LFT kits for days 5 and 6 to return to school.

### **School Value for this half term**



For this half term our school value will be Compassion. We will think about how we can show compassion and kindness to one another. We will think about our charity links for those in need and the elderly in our community. We will also think about how we all need to listen and act with compassion with our friends at school. We will also think about acts of compassion that have been in the news or how nations can show acts of compassion. I'm sure you will discuss various issues around this value at home as well.



## 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	95.26
	Ladybird	83.62
Year 1	Hedgehog	91.13
	Squirrel	92.50
Year 2	Badger	94.40
	Fox	96.90
Year 3	<b>Chaffinch</b>	<b>100</b>
	Robin	93.15
Year 4	Swallow	98.96
	Swift	92.89
Year 5	Heron	92.34
	Kingfisher	97.50
Year 6	Owl	93.39
	Woodpecker	86.64

**Well done to Year 3 who had the best attendance last week.  
96.57%**

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

**Overall School Attendance: 93.43.%**

## 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> March	World Book Day-come dressed as ambitious vocabulary!
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day. Details to follow.
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last swimming session for Swallow Class Dr Diane Davies, Archaeologist, with Year 6 all day.
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 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day-details nearer the time
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
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

