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Monday 28th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

On Wednesday Year 4 played the djembe drums and performed their African dances to their parents and family members. It was such a special occasion, not only because we can have parents and family members back in school again, but also sharing in the children's learning that was excellent. It was a real treat!

Thank you for all your very generous donations on Friday 18th March. We raised £605 for Red Nose Day and Unicef which was amazing!

PTFA events

There are some PTFA events coming up. It is always good to see families supporting these events as the money raised is supporting your children in school. If you have never been to a PTFA event before, and to be honest there haven't been many lately because of Covid, then please support your children's school events. Everyone belongs to the PTFA, it isn't something you have to join!

The Disco tickets are selling fast! Both Discos are on Friday and you must buy a ticket before the disco. Please remember to collect your children from outside their classroom for the first disco. For the later disco you will collect your children from the school hall after it has finished.

On Friday May 6th there will be a quiz night in the school hall. You can have up to 8 people in your team and you may bring snacks and drinks. We held a quiz night over 2 years ago and it is always guaranteed to be a good evening with plenty of laughter. Find a team or turn up on the night and you can form a team with other parents and family members. I'm not quite sure how much it is for each adult in the team, but all the money raised will be used in supporting children in school.

Bags to be filled. Your old clothes help to raise money for the school. On Monday 23rd May, you can start to bring the bags of clean, unused clothing ready for Tuesday 24th May. On Tuesday 24th May, the company that is supporting the PTFA will be coming to collect all of the bags so all bags must be at the collection point before 9am on Tuesday 24th May. Bags will be sent out via the children nearer the time.

Staffing News

I am delighted to share with you that Miss Cousins is expecting a baby. We will be welcoming Miss Ainsworth to St Margaret's after the Easter break and Miss Ainsworth will be with Squirrel Class and with Miss Cousins until Miss Cousins starts her maternity leave. I know you will make her feel very welcome.

Parking

I am writing again as some parents and carers are parking across driveways in The Mardens. Please do not do this, it just isn't fair on families who live down the The Mardens as they can't access their own driveways. There is plenty of parking in the car park or you can walk as the weather is getting better. Please park with consideration for others.





Miss Edwards writes:

On Friday afternoon, Year 5 were delighted to join a special Zoom meeting in Antarctica! We met a scientist called Jenny Cooke who told us all about the work that she does in the South Pole. She showed us the towering glaciers from her boat and told us how we can protect this beautiful land.

Leaf certificates



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

Well done to you all.

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	25,438
Yellow	24,725
Blue	20,910
Red	20,870



250 House Points

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



Writing Award

We celebrated children on Monday for last week and children on Friday for this week. Well done to you all!

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.

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!

Overall School Attendance: 92.63%

Reception	Butterfly	91.38
	Ladybird	81.63
Year 1	Hedgehog	90.00
	Squirrel	88.33
Year 2	Badger	94.00
	Fox	99.64
Year 3	Chaffinch	90.32
	Robin	95.48
Year 4	Swallow	93.39
	Swift	90.83
Year 5	Heron	95.16
	Kingfisher	94.00
Year 6	Owl	97.10
	Woodpecker	95.52

**Well done to Fox Class
for having the highest
attendance last week.
99.64%
Nearly 100%!**

**Well done to Year 2 who
had the best attendance
last week.
96.72%**



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 who had their name in the Book of Brilliance this week.

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 28 th March	Last swimming session for Swallow Class Dr Diane Davies, Archaeologist, with Year 6 all day.
Friday 1 st April	PTFA Disco 3.15-4.15 Year R,1 & 2 4.30-5.30 Year 3,4, 5 & 6
Monday 4 th April	Fox Class start swimming
Thursday 7 th April	Easter Services at St Margaret's Church 9.45am Year 3 & 4 10.30 Year 5 & 6
Friday 8 th April	Last day of Spring term
Thursday 24 th April	Forest school-Swallow Class 3 weeks: 28 April & 5 & 12 May
Monday 25 th April	First day of Summer term Forest school-Hedgehog Class 2 weeks: 25 April & 9 May
Tuesday 26 th April	PTFA Meeting in the school hall at 6.00pm. All parents and carers welcome.
Thursday 5 th May	9.00am Year 2 Eucharist Service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for this special service.
Friday 6 th May	PTFA quiz night 7.00 pm start
Monday 16 th May	Forest school-Squirrel Class 2 weeks: 16 & 23 May
Thursday 19 th May	Forest school-Swift Class 2 weeks: 19 & 26 May
Tuesday 24th May	PTFA Bag2School before 9:00am
Thursday 26 th May	Year 3 to Wakehurst Place
Monday 30 th -3 rd June	Half term
Monday 6 th June	Last swimming session for Fox Class Forest school-Badger Class 3 weeks: 6, 13 & 20 June
Thursday 9 th June	Forest school-Heron Class 3 weeks: 9, 16 & 23 June
Monday 13 th June	Badger Class start swimming
Thursday 16 th June	9.00am Year 1 Eucharist Service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us for this special service.
Friday 17 th June	Sports Day-details nearer the time
Friday 24 th June	Reserve Sports Day Reception to Sealife Centre
Monday 27 th June	Forest school-Fox Class 3 weeks: 27 June, 11 & 18 July
Thursday 30 th June	Forest school-Kingfisher Class 2 weeks: 30 June 7 & July
Friday 1 st July 2022	Inset Day 5
Wednesday 6 th -Friday 8 th July	Year 4 residential to High Ashurst
Thursday 7th July	Year 6 to Christ's Hospital for Chichester Diocese Leavers Service Service starts at 10.45am
Monday 18 th July	Last swimming session for Badger Class
Thursday 21st July	Last day of term 9.30 am Year 6 leavers service at St Margaret's Church

Stay safe and take care.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Jill Hine

Headteacher

