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Dear Parents and Carers

What a week! On Friday I could finally announce that Ofsted have agreed that we are a good school. I hope you have all found time to read the report. Thank you for all the lovely messages you have posted on Facebook. They are much appreciated.

Staffing Changes

It is always with very mixed emotions that I write about staffing changes. Staff do sometimes move on to another school or take a change of direction and whilst we are delighted for them professionally it doesn't mean that we aren't sad to see them leave our school. We will be saying our special goodbyes in school, but at the end of this term we are saying...

...Happy Retirement to Mrs Cooper. Mrs Cooper has taught at St Margaret's for 30 years and is a very talented, caring and much loved teacher with a wealth of experience. We will miss her, but we are delighted that she is still going to be a governor so we will still see her in school. We know that Mrs Cooper will be kept busy with her garden and grandchildren!!

...goodbye to Mrs Hiscock. Mrs Hiscock has been our Nursery Manager for 14 years and is much loved and respected. Mrs Hiscock has gained a much deserved promotion and will still be managing and supporting many nurseries. We know she will be absolutely wonderful in her new role. Mrs Rea will be taking over as Nursery Manager in August (when Mrs Hiscock leaves), so there will be a seamless transition as Mrs Rea knows our Nursery so well.

...goodbye to Mr Reeves. Mr Reeves is moving to teach in East Croydon. Mr Reeves doesn't like a fuss and certainly wouldn't like me saying that he is a much loved and brilliant teacher, so I won't say that, but we will miss his great sense of humour!

...a change of setting for Miss Cousens as she is moving from teaching at St Margaret's to teaching in our Nursery. Miss Cousens will start in the Nursery in September and we are all looking forward to welcoming her back.

We are very pleased that we appointed Mrs Kelly as a teaching assistant for our Reception classes. We know that Mrs Kelly will bring her experience and knowledge of working with early years children from her time working in Nursery.

Congratulations to Miss Bacon who is getting married this July, so will return in September as Mrs Jacklin and Mrs Morgan who is also getting married this summer and will return as Mrs Busbridge. We wish them our love and every happiness. I am sure they will enjoy their special days.

Miss Walder celebrated her wedding this weekend and will return later this month in the Nursery as Mrs Mackie. Congratulations to the happy couple.

We still have one appointment to make. As soon as I have made an appointment I will let you know in the newsletter. The children will find out which class they will be in next year and which adults they are with when they bring home their reports on Friday 8th July. Sometimes classes become uneven due to changes throughout the year, so we have mixed both Reception classes and Year 2 this year. The children are always asked about friends that they have across both classes and they will be with at least 1 of those friends. No other year groups will be mixed this year.

Miss Poole writes:



On Friday 15th July we are going to be having a whole school and nursery celebration of France as our children learn French in school. We would like the children to come to school wearing red, white and blue with a French mystery picture/item to share with the class. Please make sure they are aware of what the item is, this could be a landmark, food, important person in history or scientist. Please feel free to make notes on the reverse of the image and ensure the child is able to name the

image.

The day will be filled with a school worship sharing their delightful costumes, lots of opportunities for singing in French, speaking and counting. There will be a range of activities during the day set by the teachers encompassing different curriculum areas from Maths, Art, History, Geography, DT and Maths. If you are a French native speaker and would like to help support our day please let Mr Chambers at the office know as we would be very thankful for your support.

Key Stage 2 Sports Day this Friday



9.00-12.00 Year 3,4,5 and 6
Parents and family members can come and watch.
There is no picnic this Friday lunchtime though.

Smoking or vaping is not allowed on school grounds.

We had a wonderful Sports day on Friday for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The children were all amazing and it was so lovely to be able to invite parents back in again to watch the children. The picnic lunch was another lovely occasion. I hope you all enjoyed it as well.

Well done to the Blue team who won the cup!

These two children are the very happy and proud Blue Team captains.

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: 94.4%

Reception	Butterfly	88.00
	Ladybird	92.00
Year 1	Hedgehog	94.00
	Squirrel	96.00
Year 2	Badger	96.00
	Fox	93.00
Year 3	Chaffinch	97.00
	Robin	97.00
Year 4	Swallow	100
	Swift	87.00
Year 5	Heron	93.00
	Kingfisher	97.00
Year 6	Owl	96.00
	Woodpecker	94.00

Well done to Swallow Class for having the highest attendance last week. 100.00%

Well done to Year 3 who had the best attendance last week. 97.10%



Leaf Certificates



Congratulations 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 that had their name mentioned in the Book of Brilliance this week.

House Points



250 House Points

Well done to all the children that received their 250 House Points last week.

Keep it up for the 500 House Point certificate!



Green	32,951
Yellow	31,849
Blue	27,942
Red	25,917

Writing Award

Well done to all our children who received a writing award on Friday.

Reception	Butterfly	
	Ladybird	
Year 1	Hedgehog	
	Squirrel	
Year 2	Badger	
	Fox	
Year 3	Chaffinch	
	Robin	
Year 4	Swallow	
	Swift	
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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.

Monday 20th June	Forest school- Squirrel Class 2 weeks: 20 th & 27 th June
Friday 24 th June	Sports Day for Years 3,4,5 and 6. Reception to Sealife Centre
Thursday 30 th June	Forest school-Kingfisher Class 2 weeks: 30 June 7 & July
Friday 1 st July 2022	Inset Day 5
Monday 4 th July	Forest school-Fox Class 2 weeks: 4 th & 11 th July
Wednesday 6 th -Friday 8 th July	Year 4 residential to High Ashurst
Thursday 7 th July	Year 6 to Christ Hospital for Chichester Diocese Leavers Service Service starts at 10.45am Year 6 Parents are very welcome to attend.
Wednesday 13th July	9.00 Year 6 performance of Star Warts to school - Dress Rehearsal 1.45 Year 6 performance of Star Warts to school 6.00 Year 6 performance of Star Wart to parents. No children under 7 at this performance.
Friday 15th July	Whole School French Day
Monday 18 th July	Last swimming session for Badger Class
Tuesday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Movie Premier at Cineworld & Lunch at Hollywood Bowl
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of term 9.30 am Year 6 leavers service at St Margaret's Church
Thursday 1 st September	Inset Day 1
Friday 2 nd September	Autumn starts for Years 1-6 only
Monday 24 th -28 th October	Half term
Monday 31 st October	Inset Day 2
Friday 16 th December	Last day of Autumn term
Tuesday 3 rd January	First day of Spring term
Friday 10 th February 2023	Inset Day 3
Monday 5 th June 2023	Inset Day 4
Friday 7 th July 2023	Inset Day 5

Thank you for your continuing support.
Jill Hine
Headteacher

