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Dear Parents and Carers

Just four days at school this week and then it is the start of the summer holidays. Every year it seems as if the weeks fly past ever faster. This has been a very busy year again at school and the children and staff are all ready for a rest. I wish you all an enjoyable summer break and thank you for all your support this year. It matters to the children when you support their learning and it means so much to us too. Thank you. I also want to take this opportunity to say a thank you to all the staff, both school and nursery, who have been amazing throughout another difficult year. Covid is still affecting many of us and rates are increasing again. Some of our staff have had Covid three times, so I do appreciate how flexible and how caring all the staff are and have been at school. I hope you all have a lovely summer break and we look forward to seeing you all back at school in September.

We will be saying goodbye and good luck to all our Year 6 children as they leave us on Thursday afternoon. Our current Year 6 are a wonderful and very special group of children. I say they are special as they started their St Margaret's school journey with me on the same day that I started my headship here. They will have made some very special memories here over the past seven years and they will be sharing some of these with parents and carers at church on Thursday morning. As always, the Year 6 staff team have made sure that the children have all had a great year. This week they will be watching the film at Cineworld, which Mr Mc has been creating over the past few weeks, and then they will go bowling. We are honoured that they all attended St Margaret's CE School and we know that they will continue to achieve wonderful things as they continue their learning journeys at the many different secondary schools.

We are also saying goodbye to some staff, Mr Reeves and Mrs Hiscock, Mrs Cooper and Miss Cousens. They all leave taking with them our good wishes for the future and with our very grateful thanks and love for all their hard work and support. We know that we will still be seeing Miss Cousens as she is moving to our Nursery.

We also send our love and congratulations to Miss Bacon and Mrs Morgan who are both getting married this summer and will return as Mrs Jacklin and Mrs Busbridge in September. We know they will enjoy their special day filled with treasured memories.

Year 6 performed their end of term play 'Star Warts' three times last week to the school and to a hall packed with parents and family members on Wednesday afternoon and evening. It was an absolute triumph. The singing, dancing and acting was excellent and the audience loved the many jokes. It was amazing and every child and staff member should be really proud of themselves. Thank you for your contributions for the retiring collection. We raised £175.00 for Tommy's. Miss Cousens was overwhelmed when I told her.

Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Nursery children come through the Nursery gate from September and Year 1 and Reception children walk through the pedestrian gate.

If any child would like to do group keyboard lessons with West Sussex Music next term, please apply online at WestSussexmusic.co.uk

Mrs Warner writes:

I have added some useful suggestions of a variety of things you could do at home over the 6 weeks break to support your mental health and well-being alongside your children's. These are under the Parent Information tab, Support Pages, Thrive at St Margaret's. We hope you enjoy trying some of these out!





We were very fortunate that one of our lovely governors, who has just stepped down from the governing body, gave us a book token as a leaving present which enabled us to buy these lovely books.

Thank you to Lindsey Plunkett for not only these books, but also for the many years of committed service to our school.

West Sussex Reading Challenge

This year's theme is Gadgeteers and aims to inspire children to see the science and innovation behind everyday objects, showing that reading and science is for everyone.

Children can go to their local library, mention the code word to staff and pick up their pack, which includes a fold-out map and scratch & sniff stickers.

Borrow some books to read at home or download eBooks and eAudiobooks from the eLibrary. Children can decide how many books they would like to read during the challenge and the best part is that it's completely free.



French Day

Miss Poole writes:

On Friday the whole of St Margaret's celebrated all things French! The school was a sea of red, white and blue and the children enjoyed a day off timetable covering lots of enrichment activities from finding out about French artists, tasting foods, recreating work by Claude Monet, French architecture and lots of opportunities for speaking and listening. We were treated to Year 1 singing I can see a rainbow in French to the whole school. What superstars! Thank you for supporting our day and sending in your child with an image

of something French to share with their class.



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: 95.37%

Reception	Butterfly	94.48
	Ladybird	91.79
Year 1	Hedgehog	90.56
	Squirrel	98.67
Year 2	Badger	91.72
	Fox	93.57
Year 3	Chaffinch	94.52
	Robin	95.16
Year 4	Swallow	96.67
	Swift	95.83
Year 5	Heron	95.48
	Kingfisher	97.00
Year 6	Owl	100.00
	Woodpecker	95.33

**Well done to Year 6 who had the best attendance last week
97.70%**

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

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.

House Points



250 House Points

Well done to Eva in Woodpecker, Ginevra in Owl, Kai M, Kian, Esther and Chimdi in Robin, Jacob, Noah C, Theo and Kennedy in Badger, Ruby-Lou in Squirrel and Victoria in Hedgehog.

Keep it up for the 500 House Point certificate!



Green	40,617
Yellow	38,645
Blue	35,866
Red	32,565

Sporting Events



Mrs Leicester writes:

On Tuesday 12th July we took two teams of Year 6 boys to Holy Trinity school to participate in the Crawley School Basketball event.

It was an action packed evening and our boys worked extremely hard!

The results for team 2 were:

St Margaret's team 2 scored 3 goals St Margaret's team 1 scored 1 goal

St Margaret's 3 St Andrew's 1
 St Margaret's 10 Waterfield 0
 St Margaret's 1 OLQOH 2
 St Margaret's 7 Waterfield 0
 St Margaret's 4 Seymore B 1
 St Margaret's 2 Seymore A 1

The final scores between the schools were close! I am proud to say that Team 2 came 2nd and Team 1 came 5th. Thank you boys for giving such a fantastic display of Basketball and fair play; we are very proud of you all.

A massive thank you to our supportive parents.



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 18 th July	Stay and Play for new reception children
Tuesday 19 th July	Year 6 to Cinewood and Hollywood Bowl Transition afternoon
Wednesday 20 th July	Golden Leaf worship and treat Year 6 v Staff football match
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of term 9.30 am Year 6 leavers service at St Margaret's Church. Parents are very welcome to join us for the service.
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