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Monday 26th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for the donations to Jeans for Genes week. If you haven't made your donation yet either online or by sending in £1, please can you do so by the end of this week so we can send all donations to the charity? Here is a reminder to the link <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-mags-crawley-jeansforgenes2022> Thank you.

There are many new dates added to the calendar so please make sure you read the final page of the newsletter. More details will follow for events nearer the time.



Bulb planting for all children

If every child could bring in a spring bulb to plant it would be amazing. We will be planting our bulbs as a lasting memory for Queen Elizabeth II before half term so please send in any spring bulbs before half term. I think when they flower in the spring it will look beautiful and some welcome colour.

West Sussex County Council are looking for views from all parents and carers of children aged 0-14 years (and up to 18 for children with SEND) about how they use childcare, how this has changed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and how this may continue to change in the future. The survey is running until 30th September. The questions and length of the survey will vary depending on

the age of your child/children but should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. Importantly your feedback will help to shape improvements to the future of childcare delivery in West Sussex and support the availability of childcare provision to meet continuing demand.

Thank you in advance for your help!

<https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/childcare-survey>

PTFA

Once your child joins the school or nursery you are automatically part of the PTFA. The PTFA holds events and raises money that it then donates to school for much needed resources. The PTFA has given money for books, computers, climbing apparatus, tables for Forest School and has already this term bought 6 new tablets for Year 3. We always try to ensure that from Nursery to Year 6 the money is evenly distributed.

The AGM was held recently and sadly only 8 of us were there. I do understand how busy everyone is, but I hope that when we ask for some volunteers for events that many of you will be able to help or support. The first PTFA event is Bingo on Friday 7th October. I hope many of you will come to this social evening. It should be an evening of fun and Mr Ferrito will be our Bingo caller for the night. If you would like to join please purchase your tickets on this link - <https://stmargaretspta.hoot.cloud/book/book.php?e=881>

Birthdays in school

We always celebrate children's birthdays by allowing children to wear their own clothes on their day or the nearest day depending on when it falls. If a child has a birthday in the holiday they can wear their own clothes either before or after a holiday. We do ask that no sweets or cakes or any food products are brought into school to be shared with the class. Children can donate a book to the class or to the library if you would like to mark it in some way. Thank you.



Harvest



This year our Harvest celebration will be held at St Margaret's Church on Friday 26th September. There are two services one at 9.45am for Years 3 & 4 and at 10.30am it will be the Year 5 & 6 service. Key Stage 1 children will have a Harvest worship in school on Thursday afternoon.

We are asking for donations of tins or packets of coffee, teabags, sugar, UHT milk, meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, beans, bottles of squash, soup, cereals, pasta, cooking sauces, desserts, crisps, sweets, biscuits or toiletries for Crawley Food Bank Partnership. These can be brought to school from this week. Thank you in advance for your very kind donations.

Leaf certificates



Well done to the children who were awarded a Leaf on Friday. Both reception classes will join us later on this term.

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 who got their name in the Book of Brilliance.

Attendance



School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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: 95.95%

Reception	Butterfly	97.50
	Ladybird	94.17
Year 1	Hedgehog	96.67
	Squirrel	98.28
Year 2	Badger	95.97
	Fox	93.75
Year 3	Chaffinch	98.66
	Robin	92.67
Year 4	Swallow	100.00
	Swift	98.39
Year 5	Heron	93.75
	Kingfisher	95.83
Year 6	Owl	93.95
	Woodpecker	94.35

Well done to Swallow Class for the best class attendance last week. 100%! Hope you all enjoyed the popcorn.

Well done to Year 4 who had the best attendance last week. 99.19%

Writing Award

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

Year 1	Hedgehog	
	Squirrel	
Year 2	Badger	
	Fox	
Year 3	Chaffinch	
	Robin	
Year 4	Swallow	
	Swift	
Year 5	Heron	
	Kingfisher	
Year 6	Owl	
	Woodpecker	



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 26 th September	Year 6 Tag Rugby all day Year 4 (Swallow) Swimming at K2 Badger Class - Forest School
Tuesday 27 th September	Year 5 Trip to Edenbridge
Friday 30 th September	9.45am Harvest Service at church for Year 3 and 4 10.30am Harvest Service at church for Year 5 and 6 All family members are very welcome to join us at St Margaret's Church, Ifield.
Monday 3 rd October	Forest School for Fox Class for 3 weeks
Tuesday 4 th October	Year 5 - Planetarium Visit
Wednesday 5 th October	2.45pm Reception parents meeting- The Studio
Thursday 6 th October	9.00am Year 6 Eucharist service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us. Forest School for Robin Class for 3 weeks Year 4 TAG Rugby Festival
Friday 7 th October	7.00 pm PTFA Bingo night You may bring your own drinks and snacks
Wednesday 12 th October	Structured conversations -Year 6 only
Thursday 13 th October	Structured conversations -Year 6 only
Monday 17 th October	Year 6 - Hindleap Warren for 4 nights, 5 days
Wednesday 12 th October	Structured conversations -Year Reception to 5
Thursday 13 th October	Structured conversations -Year Reception to 5
Friday 14th October	PTFA Discos-details to follow 3.15-4.15: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 4.30-5.30: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
Wednesday 19th October	Structured conversations -Year Reception to 5
Thursday 20th October	Structured conversations -Year Reception to 5 Coding day Year 3
Monday 24 th -28 th October	Half term
Monday 31 st October	Inset Day 2
Thursday 10 th November	9.00am Year 6 Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 24 th November	9.00am Year 5 Eucharist service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Monday 5th December	2.00pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity performance to school
Tuesday 6th December	9.30am Year 1 and 2 Nativity performance to parents and carers 2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity performance to parents and carers
Wednesday 7th December	2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity performance to parents and carers

Thursday 8th December	9.30pm Reception Nativity performance to school 2.30pm Reception Nativity performance to parents and carers
Friday 9th December	9.30pm Reception Nativity performance to parents and carers 1.00pm Elfridges 3.30-5.00 After school Book event- details to follow
Tuesday 13th December	9.45am Christmas Carol Service at church for Year 3 and 4 10.30am Christmas Carol Service at church for Year 5 and 6
Friday 16 th December	Last day of Autumn term
Tuesday 3 rd January	First day of Spring term
Thursday 12 th January	9.00am Kingfisher Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 19 th January	9.00am Heron Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 26 th January	9.00am Swallow Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 2 nd February	9.00am Swift Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 9 th February	9.00am Year 4 Eucharist service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Friday 10 th February 2023	Inset Day 3
Thursday 9 th March	9.00am Year 3 Eucharist service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 16 th March	9.00am Chaffinch Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 23 rd March	9.00am Robin Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 20 th April	9.00am Badger Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 27 th April	9.00am Fox Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 4 th May	9.00am Year 2 Eucharist service .Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 18 th May	9.00am Hedgehog Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 25 th May	9.00am Squirrel Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Monday 5 th June 2023	Inset Day 4
Thursday 15 th June	9.00am Year 1 Eucharist service Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Friday 16 th June	Sports Day
Thursday 22 nd June	9.00am Butterfly Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 29 th March	9.00am Ladybird Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Friday 30 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 7 th July 2023	Inset Day 5

Thank you for your continuing support.

Jill Hine

Headteacher

