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

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

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a lovely half term. The autumnal weather was certainly good for long walks and the colours of the leaves on the trees are just so beautiful at the moment. It does look like we will have some wet weather this week, so please send children with coats this week as we do go out for break times if it isn't raining too hard.

Thank you to the many parents who came to the structured conversations in the last week before half term. If you still haven't arranged an appointment or you couldn't make your appointment, please see your child class teacher this week to make a mutually convenient time. Thank you.

The last week of term was a very busy week for Year 6. Most of the year group went to Hindleap for their residential week and the remaining children were busy at school with activities they had planned. I must start by saying thank you to all the Year 6 children as they have been a real credit to our school.

I also want to say thank you to Mr McGivern, Ms Galley, Mrs Magno, Mrs Hulbert, Mrs Fox and Mrs Clark who went with the children to Hindleap. Mrs Warner and Mr Harris also went for two days and loved it as well! The children were very well behaved, polite and very supportive of one another. We were so pleased that, but not really too surprised, that the instructors at Hindleap Warren commented on how well our children behaved during the week. It was a wonderful week of personal challenges, new experiences, excitement, fun and enjoyment. It was tiring and non-stop for everyone, but I know we see a different side to your children when they are away on a residential trip and I'm sure they see us in a different light too (especially at 6.00am in the morning or earlier)! I hope they have talked constantly this weekend about their experiences. I especially want to thank all the staff who go, as without them a residential trip could not even be contemplated. Staff are constantly on call 24 hours a day and they leave their families and children behind to go. I'm sure you will all extend your thanks to the staff as well.

Special thanks to all the staff who had a great time with the children who stayed at school. They had a busy and very enjoyable week too.

### **Poppy appeal**



Children can buy poppies or other products from the school reception area whilst we have the items. These are often very popular so we may sell out quickly. The suggested donations are: Zip pull: £1, Reflector £1, Silicon wristband £1 and Snap band £1.50

There are also poppies which have no suggested donation, but as a school we are saying at least 20p. We can't give change so if you are sending children with money it will need to be the right amount and in an old envelope with their name on in case it goes missing.  
Thank you.

### **New Staff Member**

Our new premises manager, Mr Busbridge, started yesterday at school so I know you will all make him feel very welcome and part of the St Margaret's family.



## Christian value-Respect



Our next value that we will be thinking about in worship for the next seven weeks will be Respect. We will be thinking about these key themes: self-respect - celebrating our gifts and talents; looking after ourselves; nurturing the best we can be; honouring how God has made us; being confident about who we are; earning the respect of others.

We will also be thinking about respect for our parents and carers - honouring those who care for us; helping at home; appreciating what's done for us; cooperation not conflict; taking responsibility. Our discussion will also take account of respect for those in authority - working with our elected representatives; cooperating with police, teachers and those

who work for our safety in different ways; being prepared to listen and learn from others who have experience. Very importantly we will be thinking about respect for others - everyone is special; everyone's opinion matters; everyone's contribution is important; everyone's feelings should be considered; everyone's faith is sacred and finally respecting the environment and discussing green issues. I am sure you will find discussing these themes at home as well over the next seven weeks very useful.

## 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: 92.30%

Reception	Butterfly	87.23
	Ladybird	91.11
Year 1	Hedgehog	96.55
	Squirrel	85.55
Year 2	Badger	95.34
	Fox	92.62
Year 3	Chaffinch	91.80
	Robin	87.40
Year 4	Swallow	94.98
	Swift	92.17
Year 5	Heron	95.58
	<b>Kingfisher</b>	<b>97.58</b>
Year 6	Owl	Hindleap
	Woodpecker	Hindleap

**Well done to Kingfisher Class for the best class attendance last week.  
Hope you all enjoyed the popcorn.**

**Well done to Year 5 who had the best attendance last week.  
96.54%**

## Writing Award

It was very exciting on Friday as both Reception classes joined us for the first time in the hall for worship. 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	
Year 5	Heron	
	Kingfisher	
Year 6	Owl	
	Woodpecker	



## 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 the children that got their name in the Book of Brilliance.

## Golden Leaf certificates



Well done to the children who were awarded a Golden Leaf on Friday. All the children enjoyed a special ice cream treat after worship. We will celebrate the Year 6 children this Friday.

## 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.

<b>Monday 7th November</b>	<b>Chaffinch, Kingfisher and Woodpecker Structured Conversations (Rescheduled)</b>
<b>Wednesday 9th November</b>	<b>Year 3 Trip to the Cinema - Free, local walk</b>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am Year 6 Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us. <b>Year 4 trip to the Cinema - Free, local walk</b>
<b>Friday 11th November</b>	<b>Year 1 - Hedgehog Rescue Visit</b> <b>3:15pm to 4:15pm Reception and Years 1 and 2 School Disco</b> <b>4:30pm to 5:30pm Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 School Disco</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	9.00am Year 5 Eucharist service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us. <b>Stone Age Day Year 3</b>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	2.30-3.00pm Open afternoon for all year groups
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity performance to school
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> 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 7 <sup>th</sup> December	2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity performance to parents and carers
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Influenza Nasal Spray - Details will be sent out closer to the time</b> 9.30pm Reception Nativity performance to school 2.30pm Reception Nativity performance to parents and carers
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30pm Reception Nativity performance to parents and carers 1.00pm Elfridges 3.30-5.00 After school Book event- details to follow
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Extra swimming session for Swift Class due to cancelled session for Queen's funeral
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn term
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	First day of Spring term
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am Kingfisher Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am Heron Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am Swallow Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	9.00am Swift Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00am Year 4 Eucharist service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Inset Day 3
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am Year 3 Eucharist service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am Chaffinch Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.00am Robin Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am Badger Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am Fox Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am Year 2 Eucharist service .Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am Hedgehog Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am Squirrel Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Inset Day 4
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00am Year 1 Eucharist service Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	9.00am Butterfly Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00am Ladybird Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports Day
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	Inset Day 5

Thank you for your continuing support.  
Jill Hine, Headteacher

