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

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers



We celebrated two minutes of silence on Friday by all being together outside. This wasn't planned, but an unplanned fire evacuation, just before 11.00 o'clock, meant we were all outside. We have found out what caused the unplanned alarm call and it was nothing to do with Year 3 cooking!

A very big thank you to the PTFA for funding two accessible tables for Forest Schools. Our Forest School leaders, Mrs Fox, Mr Burrell and Mrs Walker are all delighted with them and so are the children.



### **Children in Need**

This Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, is Children in Need Day. The School Council have been discussing this day and they would like children to wear spots or stripes. They don't think anyone needs

to buy anything and they suggested drawing spots on an old T-shirt.

They also wanted children to have crazy hair if they so wished!! The School Council have suggested a £1 donation for this charity fun day, but as always all donations are very welcome.

If children don't want to wear different clothes that is not an issue. They can still bring a donation for the charity.

We know that the school disco is on the same day, but children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 can bring their disco clothes in a bag and then will change into their disco clothes later in the afternoon.



**This week is Anti Bullying week and the children can wear odd socks today.** It's a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique in Anti-Bullying Week! There is no need to donate, it is just about recognising and celebrating the fact that we are all different.

### **PTFA Disco this Friday**

DJ Dean is back on the decks for the school disco!! Tickets that you bought for the last disco are still valid and if you haven't bought one yet please contact the PTFA to see if they are available. - <https://stmargaretspta.hoot.cloud/>

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can change into their disco clothes at school and should not wear them to school on the day. Pick up for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 after the disco has finished will be from the classrooms just as you do every afternoon.

For Years 3,4 ,5 and 6 please collect children from the school hall at 5.30pm.





Mrs EB writes:

Year 5 were delighted to participate in a live lesson hosted by BBC's Frozen Planet. The children watched an experiment which showed how land ice can result in rising sea levels. We used our knowledge of the water cycle, to predict how this would affect sea levels. We also looked at how Harpy seals have adapted to life in freezing conditions.

### 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.

### School Christmas Dinner



We have organised for our school Christmas dinner to be on the day when we are all wearing our Christmas jumpers-Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December!

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to have a free Christmas lunch, so parents and carers you don't need to do anything more.

If your child is in Key Stage 2 and you pay for lunches and you would like your child to have Christmas lunch on this day, please go to Chartwells website to order one.

<https://westsussex.mealselector.co.uk/>

If your child is in Key Stage 2 and you don't have to pay for lunches and you would like your child to have Christmas lunch on this day please contact Chartwells by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November.

### School Christmas Tree Decorations



Every year we have a theme for the homemade decorations for our school Christmas tree. This year all the tree decorations need to be made from anything you have at home. I really don't want anyone buying anything special to make the decoration. The children can make any decoration as long as it has a Christmas theme. If you would like the decoration returned please make sure it has a name on the back. All decorations also need a looped thread that we can hang it by. Please send decorations on December 1<sup>st</sup> as that is when we are hoping our tree is arriving.

Thank you for encouraging your children to take part. I am sure our tree will look lovely again this year.

### Elfridges



Elfridges is happening again this year on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Some of you are probably wondering what Elfridges is. It is an afternoon when children can come and buy presents for their family members. You need to have pre-bought these tickets with the PTFA beforehand and details for this will be sent out very soon.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, the children can wear their own clothes and either bring in biscuits, sweets or chocolates (or a £1 donation).

## 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: 93.95%

Reception	Butterfly	92.33
	Ladybird	91.00
Year 1	Hedgehog	88.97
	Squirrel	90.71
Year 2	Badger	92.00
	Fox	96.33
Year 3	Chaffinch	95.56
	Robin	91.38
Year 4	Swallow	94.19
	Swift	95.16
Year 5	Heron	94.80
	<b>Kingfisher</b>	<b>99.13</b>
Year 6	Owl	98.71
	Woodpecker	95.48

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

**Well done to Year 6 who had the best attendance last week.  
97.10%**

## 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	



## Leaf certificates

Well done to the children who were awarded a Leaf on Friday.



Well done to you all.

## Sporting News



Mrs Lecister writes: On Thursday 10th November, our Year 6 pupils travelled to K2 to play netball. During the first part of the afternoon, they took part in a range of challenges and skill sessions. In the second part of the afternoon, they played games against other schools.

Thank you, boys and girls, for representing our school and for your fantastic behaviour. I would also like to thank Mrs Hulbert and our families too for their support.

Well done to the team

## 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 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying week Wear Odd Socks Day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day-children can wear spots and stripes and have crazy hair for a suggested donation of £1 PTFA disco 3.15-4.15: Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 4.30-5.30: Year 3, 4, 5 and 6
<b>Monday 21st November</b>	<b>Year 1 - Toy Workshop</b>
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>10.00am Year 5 and 6 to the cinema - Free event</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00am Year 5 Eucharist service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us. Stone Age Day Year 3

<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Non school uniform in exchange for a gift chocolates, sweets or biscuits) or a £1 for Elfridges</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
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> <b>Christmas lunch</b> Nasal Flu Vaccine 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	<b>No school-led clubs this week (Please check for Karate/Crawley Town/Springfit/Basketball &amp; Musical Theatre with the school office)</b> 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
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>PTFA afternoon event: Father Christmas and his elves visiting</b>
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.
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Extra Bank Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> -Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 Key Stage 2 Tests (SATs)</b>
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

