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Monday 21st November 2022

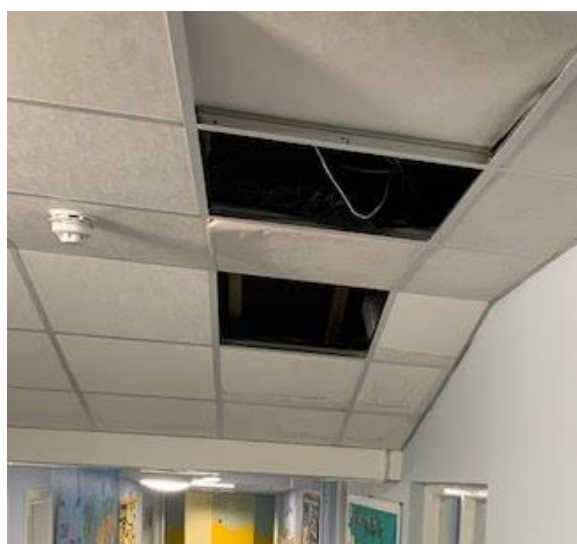
Dear Parents and Carers



Thank you to everyone who supported school on Friday with Children in Need. We raised an amazing £300 with online giving and the money we raised in school. Thank you so much.

Thank you to DJ Dean, the PTFA and all staff who stayed to support this school disco on Friday after school. The disco was very successful and the school hall could have doubled as a sauna at the end of the evening! The children all enjoyed themselves and I know from being on the unlimited squash and biscuit table, there are very polite children at St Margaret's. Not one child took a drink or a biscuit without saying please and thank you. It was a pleasure to see the children having so much fun together.

The school council already has their next fundraiser in the diary. It is a Reindeer Run on Friday 2nd December and we are raising money for St Catherine's Hospice, a charity close to so many of our hearts. Mr Chambers will be sending details out very soon. As always if everyone raised £1 that would be an amazing boost to their fundraising. All the children will receive a pair of reindeer antlers which I'm sure they will love.



Every year the governors ask every family to give £40 to the school. This money is then used to contribute to the cost of large school projects such as drainage to prevent flooding at school, installation of an upgraded fire alarm system and we had hoped for the resurfacing of the playground. The Diocese of Chichester provides 90% of the finances required for these projects and the remaining 10% is made up from contributions from the families whose children attend St Margaret's. I had hoped that we would be asking the Diocese for funding towards the resurfacing of the playground, but unfortunately the school's many flat roofs are in need of urgent repair. We have many leaks now around the school and there are areas without ceiling tiles because of the leaks. I am very nervous everytime it rains! I am very aware that this is a difficult time for everyone with the current economic climate, so if you can't pay the family contribution of £40 in one payment you can set up a payment plan or you could offer to pay an amount that you can afford. Please have a chat with me at the gate if you would like to know more, want to ask a question or want to come and talk about this. Thank you to the families that have contributed this year. I will keep you updated on the roof repairs.



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 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 8th 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 27th 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 1st 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 9th 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 25th November, the children can wear their own clothes and either bring in biscuits, sweets or chocolates (or a £1 donation).

Leaf certificates



Well done to the children who were awarded a Leaf on Friday. Two of my helpers were amazing reading out all the leaves as I had no voice. Thank you to both of you.

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: 94.05%

Reception	Butterfly	93.67
	Ladybird	96.00
Year 1	Hedgehog	95.86
	Squirrel	93.93
Year 2	Badger	83.67
	Fox	93.00
Year 3	Chaffinch	92.22
	Robin	93.10
Year 4	Swallow	96.13
	Swift	95.81
Year 5	Heron	95.60
	Kingfisher	93.04
Year 6	Owl	99.35
	Woodpecker	95.61

Well done to Owl 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. 97.26%

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	
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 21st November	Year 1 - Toy Workshop
Wednesday 23 rd November	10.00am Year 5 and 6 to the cinema - Free event
Thursday 24 th November	9.00am Year 5 Eucharist service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us. Stone Age Day Year 3
Friday 25 th November	Non school uniform in exchange for a gift chocolates, sweets or biscuits) or a £1 for Elfridges
Friday 2 nd December	2.30-3.00pm Open afternoon for all year groups St Catherine's Reindeer Run
Monday 5 th December	2.00pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity performance to school
Tuesday 6 th 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 th December	9.30pm Reception Nativity performance to school 2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity performance to parents and carers
Thursday 8 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch Nasal Flu Vaccine 2.30pm Reception Nativity performance to parents and carers
Friday 9 th 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 th December	No school-led clubs this week (Please check for Karate/Crawley Town/Springfit/Basketball & Musical Theatre with the school office) Extra swimming session for Swift Class due to cancelled session for Queen's funeral
Tuesday 13 th 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
Thursday 15 th December	PTFA afternoon event: Father Christmas and his elves visiting
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.
Monday 8 th May	Extra Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 th -Friday 12 th May	Year 6 Key Stage 2 Tests (SATs)
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

