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

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for the many donations of biscuits, sweets and money on Friday for Elfridges. Please make sure you buy your tickets for Elfridges from the PTFA in advance of this special event on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Staff news**

We have two members of staff that will be leaving by the end of term.

Mrs Gay will be leaving St Margaret's on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Mrs Gay has worked at St Margaret's for 16 years and has been a teaching assistant for the majority of those years, but latterly has worked as an assistant finance officer and has also run our Breakfast Club. Mrs Gay will be working for a local church. Miss Budd is returning to work at St Margaret's in January as the assistant finance officer.

Mrs Roberts, TA in Swallow Class is also leaving St Margaret's at the end of this term as she is taking up a new position at a local secondary school. Mrs Williams will be starting with us in January.

We are very sad to say goodbye to both Mrs Gay and Mrs Roberts and we are very grateful for all their hard work and commitment to the children. I am sure you will join me in wishing them good luck in their new roles.

We've just received notification from Braiswick Photographers that the recent photo sales have resulted in £66 being sent to Cancer Research, our chosen charity.

### **Open afternoon this Friday**

As you will know from the diary dates this Friday is open Afternoon. You can come and see your child's work from 2.30pm. If you have more than 1 child at school the other children can't come along to their siblings' classroom as there just won't be room.

If you are with your child/ren you can take them home from 3.00pm, but no child will be allowed to go home unless they are accompanied by an adult.

Mr McGivern Writes:

Year 5 and 6 had a wonderful time enjoying their FREE trip to Cineworld on Wednesday to view 'Asteroid Hunters' in IMAX. They were fascinated to learn about how Earth protects itself from incoming threats from outer space.



Ms Galley writes:

Our Art Ambassadors went to ICC to take part in a collaborative project with their Art and Drama departments. We were really excited to be asked by David Ares to support ICC with painting props for their upcoming pantomime and learnt a lot from ICC Art Club members while we were there. The children were shown how to use acrylic paint, layering to create a 3D effect as well as exploring how to paint a reflection. As if that wasn't enough, we were also treated to viewing A-level art work in a gallery, which really showed the full range of art options from painting to photography! Future collaborations with ICC students running workshops or St Margaret's students attending art galleries are planned for later in the year so we look forward to sharing these with you when they happen.



### 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 in the Book of Brilliance.

### 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.



Mrs Leicester organised a World Cup draw for every class at school. The teams were pulled out of a hat during worship last week. These are the teams that each class will be supporting.

### World Cup Groups 2022

<b>Group A</b>		<b>Group B</b>	
Qatar	Swift	England	Nursery
Ecuador	Robin	Iran	Office
Senegal	Woodpecker	Wales	Heron
Netherlands	Fox	USA	Heron
<b>Group C</b>		<b>Group D</b>	
Argentina	Woodpecker	France	Mrs Hine
Saudi Arabia	Mrs Winton	Australia	Badger
Mexico	Owl	Denmark	Robin
Poland	Swallow	Tunisia	Ladybird
<b>Group E</b>		<b>Group F</b>	
Spain	Hedgehog	Belgium	Swallow
Costa Rica	Butterfly	Canada	Squirrel
Germany	Kingfisher	Morocco	Butterfly
Japan	Fox	Croatia	Ladybird
<b>Group G</b>		<b>Group H</b>	
Brazil	Chaffinch	Portugal	Squirrel
Serbia	Swift	Ghana	Owl
Switzerland	Kingfisher	Uruguay	Hedgehog
Cameroon	Badger	South Korea	Chaffinch

### 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.

### Leaf certificates



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

Well done to you all.

### 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: 92.12%

Reception	Butterfly	94.83
	<b>Ladybird</b>	<b>97.33</b>
Year 1	Hedgehog	91.38
	Squirrel	92.09
Year 2	Badger	94.00
	Fox	90.88
Year 3	Chaffinch	92.59
	Robin	91.38
Year 4	Swallow	88.06
	Swift	90.65
Year 5	Heron	89.20
	Kingfisher	94.35
Year 6	Owl	93.55
	Woodpecker	89.68

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

**Well done to both Reception Classes 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.

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	2.30-3.00pm Open afternoon for all year groups <b>St Catherine's Reindeer Run</b>
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	<b>9.30pm Reception Nativity performance to school</b>



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Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas lunch Nasal Flu Vaccine 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	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 <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
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA afternoon event: Father Christmas and his elves visiting
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.
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Extra Bank Holiday
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Key Stage 2 Tests (SATs)
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

