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

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

It is going to be getting much colder over the next two weeks, so please make sure that children are sent with warm coats. All gloves, hats and scarves and coats must be named as should all school uniform. I often find pieces of school uniform around school that aren't named and it is then really difficult to know who it belongs to. Please name all pieces of uniform so we can find who it belongs to and return it.

### **Reindeer run**

The children and staff all enjoyed running The Daily Mile on Friday with their reindeer antlers on. Thank you for your very kind donations. We raised £219.00



### **Open afternoon**

It was lovely to see so many parents, carers and family members in school on Friday afternoon for our open afternoon. The children love showing you all their learning and I'm sure you all loved looking at it too.

### **Seesaw**

Seesaw is our wonderful online system that we use primarily for reading comments. Sometimes we do post messages there, but please can you not post messages on there about your child's absence from school or about lost book bags or school uniform. Messages concerning school absence should always be sent to Mr Chambers in the school office. Lost books, book bags or missing school uniform should be discussed at the end of the day at pick up with the class teacher or teaching assistant. Thank you.

### **Hampers**

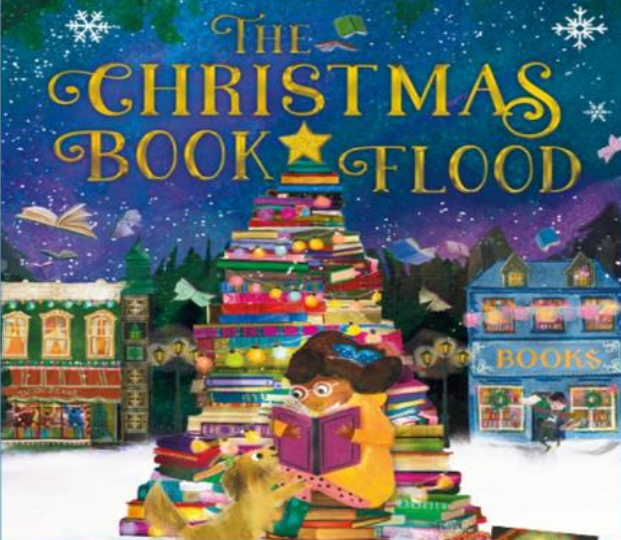
Our Christmas Hampers are amazing. Tickets will be on sale from the school office until 3pm daily. A member of staff will be on the playground from 3pm selling tickets every day this week. Tickets are £2 or £10 a strip. Please buy some tickets after school or at any of the school performances. You won't be disappointed if you win one!

### **Staffing News**

We are sad to say that Mrs Webster will be leaving the Nursery at the end of this term. We will miss her and would like to thank her for all her hard work both at school and in the Nursery. We wish her all the best for the future.




Join us for our Christmas reading event  
Friday 9th December 3.15-5pm In the school hall



Come along for your chance to win a signed book by the well loved author Mini Grey.

It's time to get cosy! Come in your PJs/onesies or comfy clothes, bring a chocolate bar to eat and share in this Icelandic Christmas tradition.



This is a fabulous Icelandic Christmas tradition which roughly translates as 'Christmas book flood'. At Christmas, people exchange gifts of books and then read them straight away, snuggled up in front of the fire, eating chocolate or drinking hot chocolate. What a cosy idea!

Join us for this wonderful family reading event.

\* Children can get changed into their comfy clothes/Pyjamas in class.

\* Adults to collect children at the end of the school day and bring them back in through the office.

\* They can bring a nut free chocolate bar to eat.

\* There will be tables of free donated books, please feel free to bring in a book from home to swap for a new one.

We are all looking forward to this on Friday afternoon!!

Please remember that the chocolate should be nut free.

### Early Birds Breakfast Club

Just letting you know that the Early Birds Breakfast Club is very flexible and is able to accommodate children on a one-off or occasional basis if necessary. The club opens at 7:45am. All you need to do is complete the online form on our school website. <https://www.st-margaretsifield.w-sussex.sch.uk/form/?pid=18&form=16>

### 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.

### 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. <https://stmargaretspta.hoot.cloud/> You need to have pre-bought these tickets with the PTFA beforehand. Tickets are only on sale until 4pm today - Monday 5th December.

### 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: 92.34%**

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|-----------|------------------|--------------|
| Reception | Butterfly        | 91.33        |
|           | Ladybird         | 96.00        |
| Year 1    | Hedgehog         | 85.17        |
|           | Squirrel         | 88.52        |
| Year 2    | Badger           | 93.67        |
|           | Fox              | 94.33        |
| Year 3    | <b>Chaffinch</b> | <b>98.15</b> |
|           | Robin            | 91.03        |
| Year 4    | Swallow          | 93.12        |
|           | Swift            | 94.52        |
| Year 5    | Heron            | 90.80        |
|           | Kingfisher       | 94.32        |
| Year 6    | Owl              | 89.90        |
|           | Woodpecker       | 92.26        |

**Well done to Chaffinch Class for the best class attendance last week.  
Hope you all enjoy the popcorn today.**

**Well done to Year 3 who had the best attendance last week.  
94.46%**

## Writing Award

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

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| 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.

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| 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<br>2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity performance to parents and carers  |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December                   | 9.30pm Reception Nativity performance to school<br>2.30pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity performance to parents and carers   |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Christmas Jumper Day<br>Christmas lunch<br>Nasal Flu Vaccine<br>2.30pm Reception Nativity performance to parents and carers   |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                      | 9.30pm Reception Nativity performance to parents and carers<br>1.00pm Elfridges<br>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)<br>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<br>10.30am Christmas Carol Service at church for Year 5 and 6   |
| <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>             | <b>Nursery Christmas concert to parents and family members</b><br>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

