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Monday 12th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I can't quite believe it is the last week of term. Thank you for all your support this term. It has been wonderful to have Nativity plays this year and I am really looking forward to the school hosting the carol services with Years 3,4 5 and 6 tomorrow morning.

I hope you all have a peaceful and relaxing time with your loved ones this Christmas.

The children looked so colourful in their Christmas jumpers on Thursday. Thank you for supporting Save the Children. You can still donate by sending children in with their donation. So far we've raised £166.83.



Elfridges was great fun on Friday afternoon. This was even more special as the Year 6 children helped the younger year groups. This was something we couldn't do last year because of Covid and mixing year groups. Thank you to the PTFA for organising this wonderful event and to all the volunteers who helped to wrap or be on the tables with the presents. The atmosphere in the hall was very special and everyone had smiles on their faces.

It is going to remain bitterly cold over this week, 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. We aren't staying outside for 30 minutes at lunch break as it is so cold.



ASDA

PLEASE STOP & READ

Did you know that every day, for the rest of this year, your kids can eat at ASDA Cafe's across the country for just £1, with no adult spend required. Depending on the store and the cafe there will be a hot and a cold meal available. For much younger children and babies there's free baby food pouches. With the cost of living crisis being what it is, all of us can benefit from this. But for some people who are really struggling, this could be a lifeline. Please re-share to your story to help somebody who needs to know this, Well done to ASDA



Christmas Party Time

If your children have been told they can wear their party clothes to school then please consider how warm they will be as they will be going outside at break and lunchtime. Please think about their footwear too.

Part days

Tuesday afternoon: Years 1 and 5

Wednesday afternoon: Years 2, 3 and 4

Thursday afternoon: Years R and 6

Hampers

Our Christmas Hampers are amazing. Tickets will be on sale from the school office, so please buy some before Thursday lunchtime as we are asking Father Christmas to draw the raffle.

Staffing news

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs O'Rourke will be starting full time in Nursery in January as Mrs Webster is leaving. Mrs O'Rourke knows our Nursery

very well as she has worked as bank staff with us for the past 3 years. I know you will all make her feel very welcome in January.



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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.

Nativity Plays

I'm sure everyone who watched the Reception and the Year 1 and 2 Nativity plays last week loved them as much as I did. The children were amazing. They sang beautifully and their faces were a joy to see with happy smiling faces. Both plays showed the children enjoying seeing family members watching them too. It always makes me so emotional watching their faces and yours too. This year had added poignancy as these were the first plays for 3 years due to Covid. Thank you to the amazing staff at St Margaret's for producing such wonderful plays in a very short space of time and thank you for all your support too.

Photographs will be on the school website very soon.

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: 93.70%

Reception	Butterfly	84.00
	Ladybird	93.00
Year 1	Hedgehog	95.86
	Squirrel	92.59
Year 2	Badger	89.33
	Fox	97.93
Year 3	Chaffinch	94.81
	Robin	91.81
Year 4	Swallow	97.50
	Swift	96.77
Year 5	Heron	95.60
	Kingfisher	91.74
Year 6	Owl	95.48
	Woodpecker	95.81

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

Well done to Year 4 who had the best attendance last week. 97.14%

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 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 13th 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 pm Christmas party: Years 1 and 5
Wednesday 14th December	pm Christmas party: Years 2, 3 and 4
Thursday 15th December	Nursery Christmas concert to parents and family members PTFA afternoon event: Father Christmas and his elves visiting pm Christmas party: Years R and 6
Friday 16th December	Last day of Autumn term 9.00am Golden Leaf and Golden Leaf treat School finishes at our usual time
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.
I look forward to seeing you again in the new year.

Take care.

Jill Hine
Headteacher

