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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for your kind words and messages last week when I shared the extremely sad news about Cody. The children were shocked and upset when I told them, but all adults in school supported the children on Tuesday afternoon and we will continue to do so. If you need any advice about how to support your child at home with any questions they may have been asking or for other concerns relating to this very emotional news, please speak to your child class teacher first.

We have set up a just giving page for the two charities that Cody's family are supporting as they both have and are currently supporting the family. The link is below if you wish to contribute.

<https://www.justgiving.com/team/StMags?invite=true>

The school and nursery will be closed at 1.00pm on Tuesday 24th January for Cody's funeral. All children must be picked up by 1.15pm. Thank you for your support with this early closure.

I have spoken to Rev. Christine Spencer about a service in school for Year 2 children, initially, and I will share more details when we have thought carefully about this service.

Last week was an incredibly difficult week for the children and for the staff. We had planned, many weeks ago, the deputy interviews for Wednesday and Thursday and so they still went ahead. The children and the staff were amazing and although upset we continued and the staff made sure there were plenty of opportunities to talk about Cody through the two days if the children wanted to.

We appointed Mr Damith Bandara as our deputy. We are all very pleased and the children let out a huge cheer when I announced this in Friday's worship! Mr Bandara will be joining us at the start of the summer term in April. I know you will all make him feel very welcome and part of our caring and supportive family of St Margarets.

Leaf certificates



Well done to all the children who received a Leaf Certificate on Friday.

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.





As you can see it isn't just the children who can be awarded a Headteachers Award!

The Year 2 team are an amazing team every week, but last week they were even more amazing. I didn't think that was possible, but I love being proved wrong!

Well done to Miss Young, Mrs Fletcher, Miss Chalk and Mrs Rumble.

We thought you would like these question ideas. Many parents ask their children, myself included in the past, what did you do at school today and many children reply 'I can't remember', so try asking one or more of the questions and see if you have a different reply. Let us know!

Please can I remind you that all children with long hair need to have it tied back when in school? Hair accessories should be minimal, plain and in school colours-blue, black or white and without glitter or sequins. Thank you.

With the weather turning colder now, please make sure that all items of clothing are named. Can you also check the school uniform for names when you wash it? This is to check that a name is still visible if you've written them in and also if the clothing does belong to your child! Children only change for Forest School and some clubs now, but we all know how easily clothes are picked up by another child. Thank you.

Please can I remind all parents that all medication should be handed to the school office with the correct paperwork completed. The children must not have any medication in their school bag/book bag.

Top 5 questions parents can ask their children:

1. **What did you learn today? How do you know?**
2. **What was the learning challenge you worked on today? What did you learn from it?**
3. **What feedback did you get from your teachers today and how did you use it?**
4. **How did you go about your learning to day?**
5. **Did you make progress in your learning to day? How do you know?**



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	



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: 95.52%

Reception	Butterfly	98.00
	Ladybird	93.00
Year 1	Hedgehog	93.10
	Squirrel	95.00
Year 2	Badger	98.00
	Fox	98.33
Year 3	Chaffinch	95.36
	Robin	93.21
Year 4	Swallow	99.06
	Swift	96.13
Year 5	Heron	97.60
	Kingfisher	87.60
Year 6	Owl	99.35
	Woodpecker	93.55

**Well done to Owl Class for the best attendance -99.35%
Hope you all enjoyed the popcorn.**

**Well done to Year 2 who had the best attendance in the last week.
98.17%**

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.

Thursday 19 th January	6.30pm PTFA meeting in the school hall. Everyone welcome
Friday 20 th January	9.00am Heron and Kingfisher Class joint worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 24th January	1.00pm School closure. All children to be picked up by 1.15pm.
Wednesday 25 th January	Butterfly Class to Pizza Express
Thursday 26 th January	9.00am Swallow Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us. Forest School starts for 3 weeks for Kingfisher Class-26 th , 2 nd & 9 th Feb
Wednesday 1 st February	Ladybird Class to Pizza Express
Thursday 2 nd February	9.00am Swift Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 7 th February	Year 5 Viking Day
Thursday 9 th February	9.00am Year 4 Eucharist service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Friday 10 th February	Inset Day 3
Monday 13th -Friday 17th Feb	Half term
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.
Tuesday 28th March	Easter Service at Church 9.45am Year 3 and 4 10.30am Year 5 and 6
Friday 31st March	Last day of Spring term
Friday 31 st March	Year 3: Crawley Museum to visit with Victorian Workshop
Monday 17th April	First day of Summer Term
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. Year 3 to Wakehurst Place
Monday 29th May - 2nd June	Half term
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
Thursday 20th July	9.30am Year 6 Leavers Service at Church
Friday 21st July	Last day of term

Thank you for your continuing support.
Take care.

Jill Hine
Headteacher

