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Monday 23rd January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Please don't forget that this Tuesday school will be closing at 1.00pm as a mark of respect for Cody and his family. Mr Chambers will be opening the school gates at 1.00pm, so you can collect your child from the classroom just as you usually do at the end of the school day. All children need to be collected by 1.15pm. Thank you.

Children can wear brightly coloured clothes on Tuesday and if you would like to donate to either Chestnut Tree House or PICU we will be collecting at the school gates on Tuesday morning. No one will need to wear PE clothes as there will be no PE in the morning on Tuesday.
If you would like to donate on the justgiving page for Cody the link is below.

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

Miss Chalk, Mrs Fletcher and Miss Young raised an amazing £165.00 at school on Thursday with a magnificent cake sale for staff. This money will be added to the just giving pages. Their cakes were delicious and were enjoyed by us all.



Last year the school council wanted to raise money for the Crohn's and Colitis Charity as Lucas, now in Year 6, has Crohns. As we were still affected by Covid the School Councils plans never came to fruition but this year fundraising has been planned and is happening in February! The fundraising event is on Thursday 9th February. All children can wear sporty clothes on Thursday and as usual, if it is PE that day, the children can wear their sporty clothes on another day that week and bring their money in then.

This is Lucas' story in his own words:
When I was 5 years old I was diagnosed with a condition called Crohn's disease. My consultant explained to me that I was rare, but not unique because most kids start suffering when they are teenagers and older. Sadly, Crohns seems to be a silent disability that no one wants to talk about because of its connections with needing the toilet, but I am hoping to change that. Crohns is lifelong and life changing, but not life limiting or contagious! It causes inflammation in the bowel which gives you

REALLY bad stomach cramps and a constant urge to need the toilet. It can make you feel very sad and isolated because you are restricted from your normal life like playing with friends. On the plus side I have met some amazing people who have helped and cared for me over the past 6 years. I am doing great at the moment and I'm currently in remission which means the treatment is working.

Structured Conversations

This term we are going to hold our structured conversations in school just like we did in October. We all know that 10 minutes can fly by so we ring a bell every 10 minutes to try and keep everyone on time, but if you need a longer time to discuss your child this can easily be organised. Please book a time slot online using Parentmail.

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.

Both Year 1 classes loved their time on the bus last week.



They had tickets, saw where the engine was and pushed the bell a few times!

Thank you to Metro bus for being so child friendly.

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: 94.32%

Reception	Butterfly	89.33
	Ladybird	94.33
Year 1	Hedgehog	92.07
	Squirrel	95.71
Year 2	Badger	97.00
	Fox	95.67
Year 3	Chaffinch	99.29
	Robin	83.93
Year 4	Swallow	94.06
	Swift	97.10
Year 5	Heron	97.60
	Kingfisher	92.00
Year 6	Owl	95.16
	Woodpecker	97.42

**Well done to Chaffinch Class for the best attendance 99.29%
Hope you all enjoyed the popcorn.**

**Well done to Year 2 who had the best attendance in the last week.
96.33%**

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.

Tuesday 24 th 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
Monday 30 th January	2.30pm Year 5 parents and children in hall to talk and find out about Hindleap
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.
Monday 6 th February	Structured conversation 3.35-6.45pm
Tuesday 7 th February	Year 5 Viking Day
Wednesday 8 th February	Structured conversation 3.35-5.25pm
Thursday 9th February	Non Uniform Day for School council fundraising event. Children can wear sporty clothing for a £1 donation 9.00am Year 4 Eucharist service. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Friday 10 th February	Inset Day 3
Monday 13 th -Friday 17 th Feb	Half term
Monday 20th February	Chaffinch Structured Conversations 3.35-6.45pm
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 28 th March	Easter Service at Church 9.45am Year 3 and 4 10.30am Year 5 and 6
Friday 31 st March	Last day of Spring term
Friday 31 st March	Year 3: Crawley Museum to visit with Victorian Workshop
Monday 17 th 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 29 th May - 2 nd 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 June	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 20 th July	9.30am Year 6 Leavers Service at Church
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term

Thank you for your continuing support.
Take care.

Jill Hine, Headteacher

