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

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers



Thank you for all your support on Tuesday afternoon when we closed for Cody's funeral. Cody's parents asked for anyone attending the funeral to wear bright colours or to come dressed as a superhero as Cody loved watching these. All school staff wore a superhero cape with Cody's name sprayed on. Thank you to Mr Ferrito for spraying the names on each cape. We are now going to be awarding a 'Cody Cape' to a child in each class for being either caring, kind, helpful or making another person feel happy, just as Cody always did. Watch out for some photos coming over the next few weeks with children wearing the capes at break times.

Thank you for the very generous donations on the justgiving page. The joint total currently is £1,726.

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

### **Parking**

Parking at school has caused some upset last week. I can only appeal to everyone and ask you to park with consideration. Please do not park in an accessible space if you don't have a blue badge and please do not park on the yellow zig zags outside school. We all need to park responsibly so all children are safe.

### **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. This is open now for you to book a time.



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### Pokémon Cards

I have spoken to the whole school about bringing Pokémon cards into school as they shouldn't be brought in. I am happy for children to trade cards outside of school, but not in school as it causes problems and upset. Thank you.

### Teacher strikes

Although teacher strikes have not affected St Margaret's school and Nursery on Wednesday please do not think that the school is exempt from future closures. There are many reasons why teachers are striking. Pay is only a part of the reason, recruitment and retention of staff and excessive workloads are some of the other reasons. I fully support the staff at school in the decisions they make. As I'm sure you are all aware, staff work tirelessly for the children and always want the very best for every child in their class. I am proud of every adult who works at St Margaret's school and Nursery and I know the governors will join me in fully supporting them in any future choices they make regarding industrial action.

### Online Safety Day

Next Tuesday is Online Safety day. We constantly talk to the children about online safety and they are going to be designing a web page for our school website for each year group with messages of ideas on how to support each other about being safe online. More details and photos to come!

### Leaf certificates



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

Well done to Timothy in Butterfly Class and Ella C in Ladybird Class, Year 1 celebrated Daniel in Hedgehog Class and Kairo in Squirrel Class, Year 2 celebrated Teddy in Badger Class and Lottie in Fox Class, Year 3 celebrated Vivaan in Chaffinch Class and Oscar H in Robin Class, Year 4 celebrated Isaiah in Swallow Class and Joey in Swift Class, Year 5 celebrated Ella in Heron Class and Reggie in Kingfisher Class and Year 6 celebrated Ella T in Owl Class and Evie in Woodpecker Class.

### 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.

### 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: 94.50%**

Reception	Butterfly	92.67
	Ladybird	93.67
Year 1	<b>Hedgehog</b>	<b>99.31</b>
	Squirrel	95.52
Year 2	Badger	90.67
	Fox	98.00
Year 3	Chaffinch	95.00
	Robin	88.93
Year 4	Swallow	93.73
	Swift	97.42
Year 5	Heron	96.15
	Kingfisher	91.60
Year 6	Owl	96.77
	Woodpecker	93.55

**Well done to Hedgehog Class for the best attendance 99.31%  
Hope you all enjoyed the popcorn.**

**Well done to Year 1 who had the best attendance in the last week.  
97.41%**

## 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 30 <sup>th</sup> January	2.30pm Year 5 parents and children in hall to talk and find out about Hindleap
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Ladybird Class to Pizza Express
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	9.00am Swift Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Structured conversation 3.35-6.45pm
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 Viking Day <b>Safer Internet Day 2023</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Structured conversation 3.35-5.25pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> February	Inset Day 3
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half term
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>World Book Day Details to follow. We are celebrating this a day earlier because of the possible teacher strike on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b>
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.
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Service at Church 9.45am Year 3 and 4 10.30am Year 5 and 6
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last day of Spring term
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 3: Crawley Museum to visit with Victorian Workshop
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer Term
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. Year 3 to Wakehurst Place
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May - 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half term
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> June	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
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am Year 6 Leavers Service at Church
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last day of term

Thank you for your continuing support.  
Take care.

Jill Hine  
Headteacher



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