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Monday 6th February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

It seems hardly possible that this is the last week at school before the half term. The weeks seem to fly past quicker than ever! Please don't forget that Friday is an Inset Day so it is only 4 days at school for your children this week. I hope you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday 20th February.

Non Uniform on Thursday

Please don't forget the children can wear sporty clothes on Thursday, or before if it clashes with a PE day, for a suggested £1 donation for Crohns and Colitis charity. Lucas, in Year 6, wrote about living with Crohns a couple of weeks ago. I'm sure we will raise a good amount for this special charity.

Structured Conversations

All meetings are at school. Both Reception classes will be in the same place as they were held in October. Please walk down the corridor towards Year 1 and 2 and the meetings in the Meeting Room and Mrs Warner's office. Both Year 6 meetings will be held in The Studio, so please walk down towards Key Stage 2 and you will find me in the corridor and I will point you in the right direction.

Mr Marchant and Mrs Warner will be ringing the bell every 10 minutes for Reception, Year 1 and 2 and I will be ringing the bell for Year 3, 4, 5 and 6. If you need longer than 10 minutes we can arrange this.

Year 5 Dragon Eyes

Year 5 have had a very enjoyable time designing, creating and then painting their Dragon eyes. They all look amazing. These are Kingfisher Class Dragon Eyes and after half term I will include a photo of Heron Classes Dragon Eyes.



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Ben Whitcher visited our school on Wednesday last week to introduce the children to playing the cornet. This is open for children in Years 3-6.

He writes:

I hope your child enjoyed the recent cornet taster assembly this week. If they would like to start lessons, please apply online to West Sussex Music and you will be placed on my waiting list. Payment is not required until a lesson is offered. Places for lessons this term are limited, but I hope to start as many pupils as possible after half term.



Weekly small group lessons usually take place during school hours. Many children enjoy learning in groups with their friends and tuition in small groups provides a fun and effective way for children to learn. The cost for group lessons is £8.80 per lesson, payable either monthly or termly (11 lessons). Please apply using the online form: www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/apply

A cornet can be hired or bought from local music shops and online retailers and West Sussex Music also runs a low cost hire scheme which you can opt into during the application process. The cost is £31.50 per term for instrument hire during the first year of learning.

West Sussex Music Trust is committed to enabling all young people access to high quality music education. If finances might prevent your child from taking up music lessons, we have a Bursary Fund to help with the cost of lessons: www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/bursary The Bursary fund ensures any student on free school meals has tuition and instrument hire for free up to the age of 18! There are also 50% offers for lower income families.

Please email me if you have any questions.

Ben Whitcher
Visiting Music Teacher
West Sussex Music

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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.

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	



Sporting News



Mrs Leicester writes:
On Thursday 2nd February our Year 5 cross country team competed at Oriol High school's event. Our children showed real determination to complete the course with around 120 children in the boys' and girls' races. Well done to each and every one of you and thank you to our supportive families.

Attendance



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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: 93.76%

Reception	Butterfly	90.00
	Ladybird	93.33
Year 1	Hedgehog	94.48
	Squirrel	96.01
Year 2	Badger	91.67
	Fox	98.00
Year 3	Chaffinch	95.00
	Robin	95.71
Year 4	Swallow	94.06
	Swift	95.48
Year 5	Heron	90.38
	Kingfisher	92.80
Year 6	Owl	91.94
	Woodpecker	93.87

**Well done to Fox Class for the best attendance 98.00%
Hope you all enjoyed the popcorn.**

**Well done to Year 1 who had the best attendance in the last week.
95.26%**

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 6 th February	Structured conversation 3.35-6.45pm
Tuesday 7 th February	Year 5 Viking Day Safer Internet Day 2023
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. Golden Leaf worship and treat
Friday 10 th February	Inset Day 3
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th Feb	Half term
Friday 24th February	PTFA DISCO Details to follow 3.15-4.15 Reception, Year1 and Year 2 4.30-5.30 Year 3, 4, 5 and 6.
Wednesday 1 st March	World Book Day Details to follow. We are celebrating this a day earlier because of the possible teacher strike on Thursday 2 nd March
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.
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day The school council would like children to wear red and that includes red hair if they would like too. Suggested donation £1.



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Thursday 23 rd March	9.00am Robin Class worship. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.
Friday 24th March	PTFA Quiz night A wonderful evening of fun and the quiz master will be our very own Mr McGivern
Tuesday 28 th March	Easter Service at Church 9.45am Year 3 and 4 10.30am Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 29th March	Open afternoon and Art Gallery in the hall. Details to follow.
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



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