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Monday 4th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back to school. I hope you all had a lovely enjoyable summer break with your families. It is always lovely to see everyone again after the summer break and hear about what children have been doing. It certainly was a very mixed summer weather wise and now the forecast for hot weather this week, so please send in hats and apply sunscreen before school. There are lots of new dates on the calendar page, so please make sure you have seen them and made a note of them.

I want to reassure you that we had a RACC (Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete) survey carried out by the diocese last term and our school is safe. I am sure that you have heard about RACC and that some schools can't open this September or open with temporary classrooms, but we are fortunate that although we have a few leaky roofs our concrete is safe.

I'm hoping that all school uniform is named! It would be lovely if we didn't have any lost property this year. I always hope that one day that will happen...maybe this year will be the year!

Year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Nursery children come through the Nursery gate from September and Year 1 and Reception children walk through the pedestrian gate at the main entrance.

A warm welcome to our new children and their families who have joined school this week and to our new children and families starting at school and nursery. We all hope that you and your children soon settle into school life here at St Margaret's, but if you have any questions or concerns please speak to me or any member of staff. We are here to help and to ensure that we build a positive learning partnership with you.

We welcome Miss Froud and Miss Morton as class teachers to our school in Swift and Fox Class. We also welcome Mr Gilmore as a music teacher who will be with us every Wednesday, Mrs Baker as a TA in Kingfisher Class and Forest School Assistant and we welcome back Mrs Webster as a TA across both Reception classes. I know everyone will make them feel very welcome to our wonderful school. Mrs Jackin has started her maternity leave so we all send her our love for a few quiet weeks before baby Jackiln makes an appearance.

This week, all the children will be coming home with our Home School agreement. We know that building a strong partnership between staff, parents and carers is important in helping children to achieve and to enjoy learning. We are determined to create an inclusive culture of learning where all children will be challenged in their thinking, to achieve to the best of their abilities and strive to become lifelong learners. This can be done most effectively when all staff, parents and children understand their responsibilities and work together towards the same goals, as detailed in our Home School Agreement.

Please send it back to school as soon as you can this week or next week.

Clubs

Mr Chambers has been working very hard on the school clubs list. This will be coming out later this week.





PE kit

Please check that your child has the correct colour T shirt for PE for September. This must not be a football shirt. Children can wear blue shorts and as the weather turns cooler they can wear black joggers not leggings. On PE days children should now wear a black sweatshirt. Coloured PE shirts can be ordered through our school uniform supplier-Taylor Made Uniforms. It is the black sweatshirts that are often unnamed so please make sure these are named.

Christian value



This half term we will be focusing on the value of Generosity. We will be learning about being generous to each other and the true value of generosity. When we think about generosity we usually think about being generous with money or possessions. However, we can also be generous with our time, our gifts and our abilities. We will be exploring God's generosity and how we can be generous with our thoughts and actions.

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 4 th September	Children return to school in Years 1-6. Reception children have their own times.
Friday 8th September	Chaffinch start Forest school for 4 weeks. Please bring Forest School clothes in a bag to change into.
Monday 11th September	Badger Class start Forest school for 3 weeks. Please bring Forest School clothes in a bag to change into.
Thursday 28th September	School photographs. All children in school uniform.
Tuesday 3rd October	Harvest services at St Margaret's Church for Key Stage 2 children 9.45am Year 3 and 4 10.30am Year 5 and 6 Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at church for these services.
Thursday 5th October	Harvest service for Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 children. This is an in school service when family members aren't able to join us because of space constraints.
Thursday 12th October	9.00am Year 6 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Monday 16th to Friday 20th Oct	Year 6 residential fo Hindleap Warren
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th Oct	Half term
Thursday 9th November	9.00am Year 6 Worship Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Thursday 23rd November	9.00am Year 5 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Friday 15 th December	Last day of the term
Monday 18 th to Friday 29 th Dec	Christmas holidays
Monday 1 st January 2024	Bank Holiday



Tuesday 2 nd January 2024	INSET Day 2
Thursday 11th January	9.00am Year 5 Worship Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Thursday 8th February	9.00am Year 4 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Monday 12 th to Friday 16 th Feb 2024	Half Term
Thursday 14th March	9.00am Year 3 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Thursday 21st March	9.00am Year 1 Worship Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Date to be confirmed	9.00am Year 4 Worship Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Thursday 28 th March 2024	Last day of the term
Friday 29 th March 2024	Bank Holiday - Good Friday
Monday 1 st to Friday 12 th April 2024	Easter Holidays
Thursday 25th April	9.00am Year 2 Worship Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Monday 6 th May 2024	Bank Holiday
Thursday 16th May	9.00am Year 3 Worship Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Thursday 23rd May	9.00am Year 2 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May 2024	Half Term
Friday 14th June	Sports day and family picnic
Thursday 20th June	9.00am Year 1 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Thursday 27th June	9.00am Reception Worship Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
Friday 28th June	Reserve Sports day and family picnic
Thursday 18th July 2024	Last day of term 9.30am Year 6 Leavers Service at St Margaret's church. Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Friday 19 th July 2024	INSET Day 3
Monday 22 nd July 2024	INSET Day 4
Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	INSET Day 5

Thank you for your continuing support.

Take care.

Jill Hine, Headteacher

