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Monday 11th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope your children enjoyed their first full week back at school. I'm sure there were some tired children by the weekend - there were some tired staff too! I think the very hot weather had something to do with everyone feeling exhausted! Both Year 6 and Year 5 had exciting starts to the school year. Year 5 had a planetarium visit and Year 6 walked to Crawley Museum.

Unfortunately a scooter has gone missing from the bike and scooter storage on Friday after school. I'm sure it will be returned this Monday, but please check the scooter your child is using. This is a picture of the missing scooter. Thank you.



- **Please don't forget that we are a fish and nut free school.** Please do not send children in with any fish or nut products (this includes Nutella) in lunch boxes as we have children who may suffer a severe allergic reaction. Thank you.
- Please do not send children in with sweets or cakes when it is their birthday. If you wish you can give these out outside school, but we would be delighted if you sent a book in to donate to the class. Thank you.
- When you are waiting for your children to come out of school at the end of the day, please do not sit on any school equipment. Thank you.
- There are meetings planned for each year group to share with you what the children will be learning this school year and how you can support them at home. The information discussed at these meetings will be shared on Seesaw. Please make a note of the relevant meetings for your family.



Year 5 launched into our space topic with a visit from the Planetarium. This was a spectacular super starter where the children were surrounded by the solar system!



The Chief Medical Officer and leading health professionals have written to schools to provide a clinical and public health perspective on mild illnesses and school attendance.

They have shared useful information for schools to pass onto parents and carers including when is it appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with a mild illness

Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Other illnesses

Follow this advice for other illnesses:

- **Coughs and colds**
It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.
- **High temperature**
If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.
- **Chickenpox**
If your child has chickenpox, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.
- **Cold sores**
There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a cold sore. Encourage them



not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

- **Conjunctivitis**

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

- **COVID-19**

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school.

Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have symptoms of COVID-19 and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

- **Ear infection**

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

- **Hand, foot and mouth disease**

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

- **Head lice and nits**

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

- **Impetigo**

If your child has impetigo, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

- **Ringworm**

If your child has ringworm, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

- **Scarlet fever**

If your child has scarlet fever, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

- **Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)**

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

- **Sore throat**

You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away. A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

- **Threadworms**

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms. Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.



- **Vomiting and diarrhea**

Children with diarrhea or vomiting should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhea for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Jeans for Genes day



Very soon, on Friday 22nd September, the children and staff can wear jeans to school as we raise money for children with genetic disorders. Children should still wear school uniform on their top half. I'm sure you will all wish to support this worthy cause. If your child has PE on Friday they can wear their jeans on Thursday. I am happy that children wear trainers with their jeans. Thank you.

Please donate on the just giving page: - [Click here](#)

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.

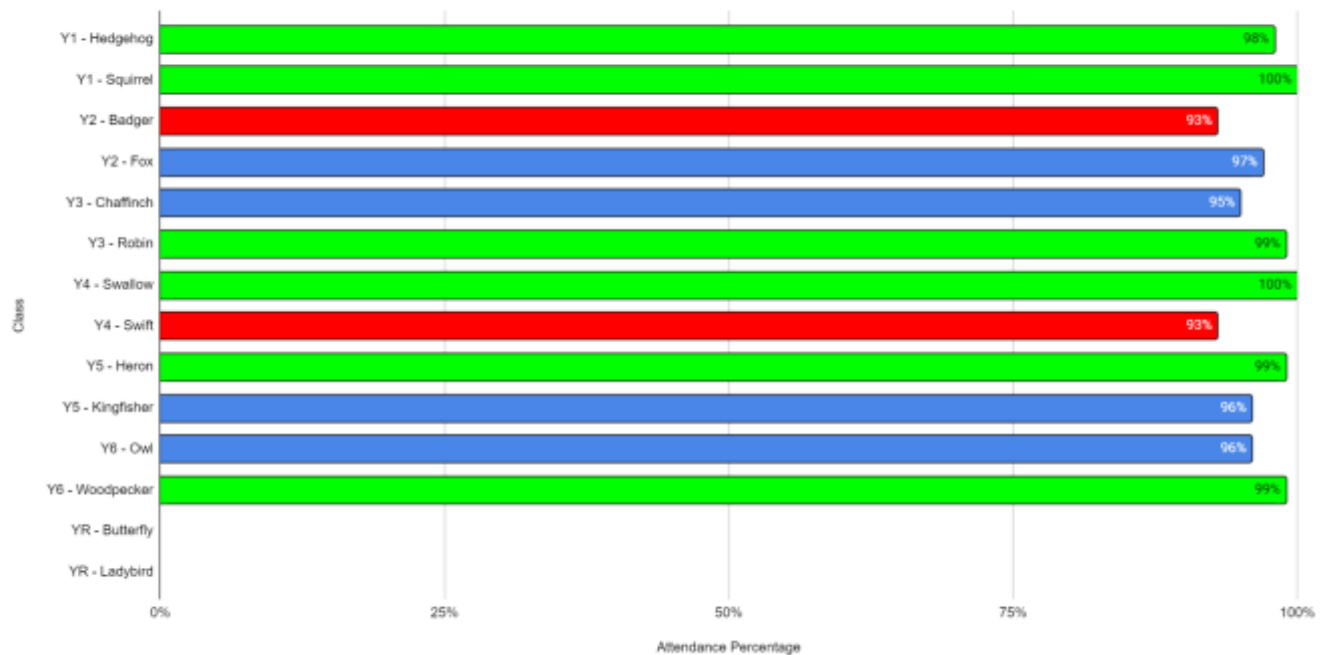
Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready to learn and on time by 8.50am every day.

Attendance matters! It is important that your child gets to school on time and aims for 100% attendance!

Overall School Attendance: 96.9%



Class Percentages



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 this week.

Leaf certificates



Well done to the children who were awarded a Leaf on Friday. Both reception classes will join us later on this term.

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 11 th September	Badger Class start Forest school for 3 weeks. Please bring Forest School clothes in a bag to change into.
Tuesday 12th September	Year 1- Parents and carers meeting 2.45pm
Wednesday 13th September	Year 3- Parents and carers meeting 9.00am Year 2- Parents and carers meeting 2.45pm
Friday 15th September	Year 6- Parents and carers meeting 9.00am Year 4- Parents and carers meeting 2.45pm
Monday 18th September	Swallow Class start Swimming
Tuesday 19th September	Year 6 Trip to The Hawth
Thursday 21st September	Year 5- Parents and carers meeting 2.45pm No School Football Club
Friday 22nd September	Jeans for Genes Day
Thursday 28 th September	School photographs. All children in school uniform.
Monday 2nd October	Fox Class start Forest school for 3 weeks. Please bring Forest School clothes in a bag to change into.
Tuesday 3 rd 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 5 th 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.
Friday 6th October	Robin Class start Forest School for 3 weeks. Please bring Forest School clothes in a bag to change into.
Tuesday 10th October	Year 6 Structured Conversations
Wednesday 11th October	Year 6 Structured Conversations New Reception (Starting 2024) Open Morning
Thursday 12 th October	9.00am Year 6 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Monday 16 th to Friday 20 th Oct	Year 6 residential fo Hindleap Warren
Monday 16th September	Year 5 Trip to Bough Beech
Tuesday 17th October	Years R-5 Structured Conversations Year 3 Stone Age Day
Wednesday 18th October	Years R-5 Structured Conversations
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th Oct	Half term



Thursday 9 th 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. New Reception (Starting 2024) Open Morning
Thursday 23 rd November	9.00am Year 5 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Friday 1 st December	Open afternoon 2.45-3.30pm
Thursday 7 th December	Christmas Jumper Day School Christmas Lunch
Monday 11th December	No school run clubs this week.
Thursday 14th December Thursday 14th December	Christmas Carol Service at St Margaret's Church 9:45am Years 3 and 4 10:30am Years 5 and 6
Friday 15 th December	Last day of the term
Monday 18 th to Friday 29 th Dec	Christmas holidays
Monday 1 st January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 nd January	INSET Day 2
Thursday 11 th 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 8 th 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	Half Term
Thursday 14 th March	9.00am Year 3 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Thursday 21 st 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	Last day of the term
Monday 1 st to Friday 12 th April	Easter Holidays
Thursday 25 th 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	Bank Holiday
Thursday 16 th 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 23 rd May	9.00am Year 2 Eucharist Service



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Monday 27 th to Friday 31 st May	Half Term
Friday 14 th June	Sports day and family picnic
Thursday 20 th June	9.00am Year 1 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
Thursday 27 th 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 28 th June	Reserve Sports day and family picnic
Thursday 18 th July	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.

