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Monday 18th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that the many parents and carers who have attended the year group meetings have found them useful. All this information will be shared with you on Seesaw. Year 5 meeting is on Thursday this week. You will be pleased to know that last week's missing scooter has been reunited with its owner. Thank you.

Don't forget that this Friday, or Thursday if your child has PE on Friday, children can wear jeans or other denim clothing if they don't have jeans. We are raising 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. Children can wear trainers with their jeans. Thank you for your support. You can donate using the link below or there will be buckets on the gate for you to throw your donation into on Friday morning. Please donate on the just giving page: - [Click here](#)



Seesaw is the platform that we use primarily for reading conversations between home and school for Year 1 to 6. Spelling is also uploaded on Seesaw as well. Reception uses Seesaw differently as they showcase children's learning as well. Other year groups may post a photo from time to time, but this is not a regular weekly feature. Just to remind everyone about medals and reading. 3 reads=Bronze, 5 reads=silver and above and beyond that =gold.

Parents and carers, please do not post important messages on Seesaw such as who is picking up your child after school as staff don't have time to read Seesaw messages through the school day. Please use the office for urgent messages.

Volunteering at school

We would love to have more volunteers in school. If you would like to volunteer please let Mr Chambers know and I'll organise some safeguarding meetings. The meetings only take 20 minutes. You can volunteer to hear readers, help with Forest School or another activity at school. We are always very grateful to have extra support in school.

Harvest



This year our Harvest celebration will be held at St Margaret's Church on Tuesday 3rd October. There are two services one at 9.45am for Years 3 & 4 and at 10.30am it will be the Year 5 & 6 service. Key Stage 1 children will have a Harvest worship in school.

We are asking for donations of tins or packets of coffee, teabags, sugar, UHT milk, meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, beans, bottles of squash, soup, cereals, pasta, cooking sauces, desserts, crisps, sweets, biscuits or toiletries for Crawley Food Bank Partnership. These can be brought to school starting this week. Thank you in advance for your very kind donations.





Ms Galley writes: Year 6 had a great time last Friday visiting Crawley Museum to find out about WW2 and its impact on Crawley. It was a really exciting morning exploring the exhibition, hearing recorded memories from local residents, handling artefacts (some found by a local metal detectorist) and replica equipment and making models. Our children really began to understand how different life was for people living through such a dangerous period in history. They asked some brilliant questions and all the staff involved were so impressed with how involved they were. Super proud of them!



Attendance



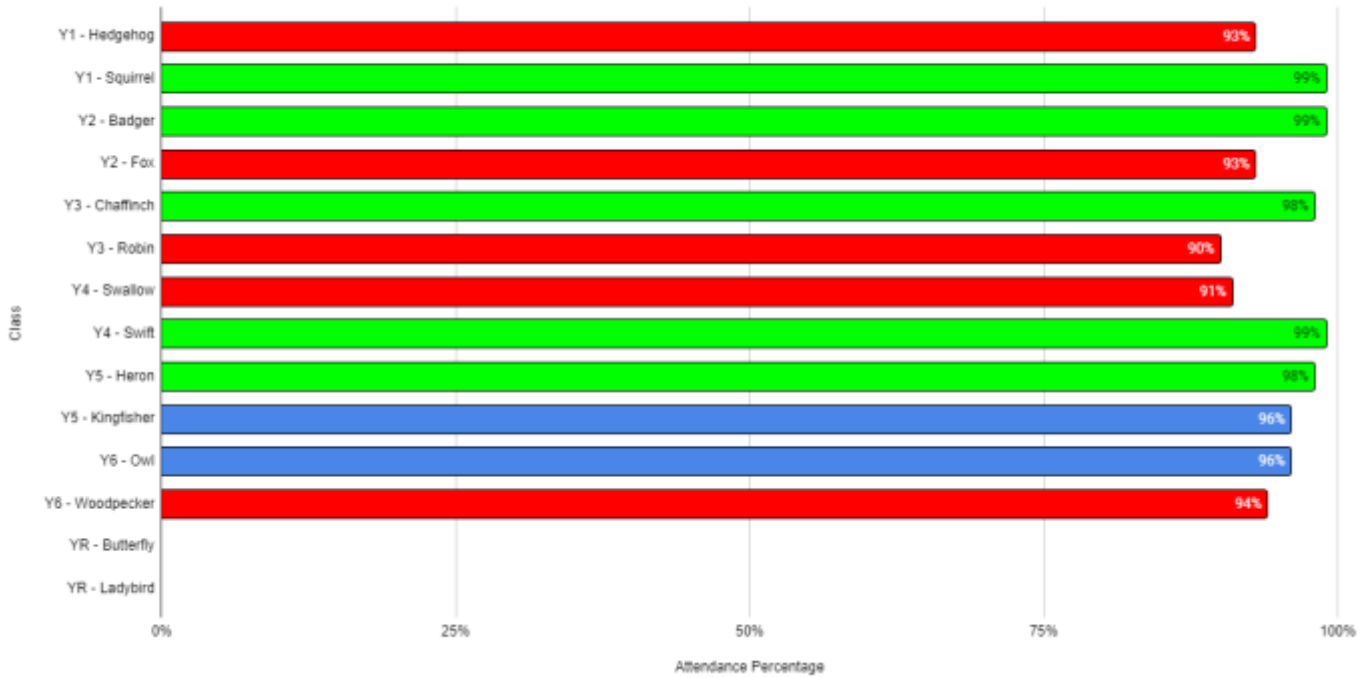
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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



**Well done to Badger Class.
I hope you enjoyed the
popcorn!
99.38% -excellent!!**

Writing Award

Well done to all our children who received a writing award on Friday. The children love receiving the cup that sits in front of them for the whole week.

Year 1	Hedgehog	
	Squirrel	
Year 2	Badger	
	Fox	
Year 3	Chaffinch	
	Robin	
Year 4	Swallow	
	Swift	
Year 5	Heron	
	Kingfisher	
Year 6	Owl	
	Woodpecker	



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 had 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.

Well done to you all.

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 18 th September	Swallow Class start Swimming
Tuesday 19 th September	Year 6 Trip to The Hawth
Thursday 21 st September	Year 5- Parents and carers meeting 2.45pm No School Football Club
Friday 22 nd September	Jeans for Genes Day
Thursday 28 th September	School photographs. All children in school uniform. If children have PE please bring in a bag to change into.
Monday 2 nd 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. PTFA have organised a Magic Show 3.45 or 5.15 start times. Tickets via PTFA Facebook. All tickets £5 each
Tuesday 10 th October	Year 6 Structured Conversations
Wednesday 11 th 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 16 th October	Year 5 Trip to Bough Beech
Tuesday 17 th 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 11 th December	No school run clubs this week.
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Carol Service at St Margaret's Church
Thursday 14 th December	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 Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service.
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



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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.

