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Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for the donations to Jeans for Genes week. If you haven't made your donation yet either online or by sending in £1, please can you do so by the end of this week so we can send all donations to the charity? Here is a reminder to the link. Please donate on the just giving page: - [Click here](#) Thank you.

A polite reminder that dogs should not be brought onto the playground, unless they are guide dogs, even if they are being carried. Thank you.



Exciting news about a baby arrival...Baby Jacklin arrived on Tuesday. Mum, dad and baby Rory are all doing well and I'm sure you will join me in sending them love and congratulations! We are looking forward to seeing them all soon, but the photos of Rory look very cute.

Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a TA at school. If you are interested there is an advert on the West Sussex School job site.

Photographs on Thursday

All children need to be in school uniform on Thursday as we have school photographs. Please send the PE kit in a bag if your child does normally have PE on a Thursday as children can change after their photos have been taken.

Clubs

Please can parents and carers wait by the school gates when picking up from school clubs. There are a few clubs that finish at the same time and we need to make sure that we reunite each child with the right adult. There is only one narrow pavement inside the school so please be patient while children are being collected. The vehicle gates, if open, should not be used to collect children as this could be dangerous. Thank you for your cooperation.

Free trips to Cineworld

Mr McGivern has managed to secure free cinema trips for all children in Year 2 to 6 for November. These days there are very few, if any, genuinely free offers and this is one of them. Thank you Mr Mc! The dates are on the final calendar page.

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 this week. Thank you in advance for your very kind donations.



Online safety

We talk to the children about online safety and I am sure you do at home as well. Every term we have to deal with many online issues and most are because children are using apps that they should not be using. Please check your children's phones daily and use the free advice from NSPCC. Below is some very useful advice from the NSPCC.

Age ratings and features - Get to know the age ratings of the apps that your child uses. Many have a minimum age of 13 years old to be able to sign up, but you should check the age rating of individual apps to make sure.

Don't forget that you know your child best, and you might decide that they need to be a little bit older before it's suitable for them.

APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+		16+	
 Facebook	 Snapchat	 WhatsApp	
 Instagram	 Twitter		
 TikTok	 Kik		
 YouNow	 Yubo		
 House Party	 Monkey		
		17+	18+
		 Sarahah	 MeetMe
		 YOLO	 LiveMe

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.



Attendance



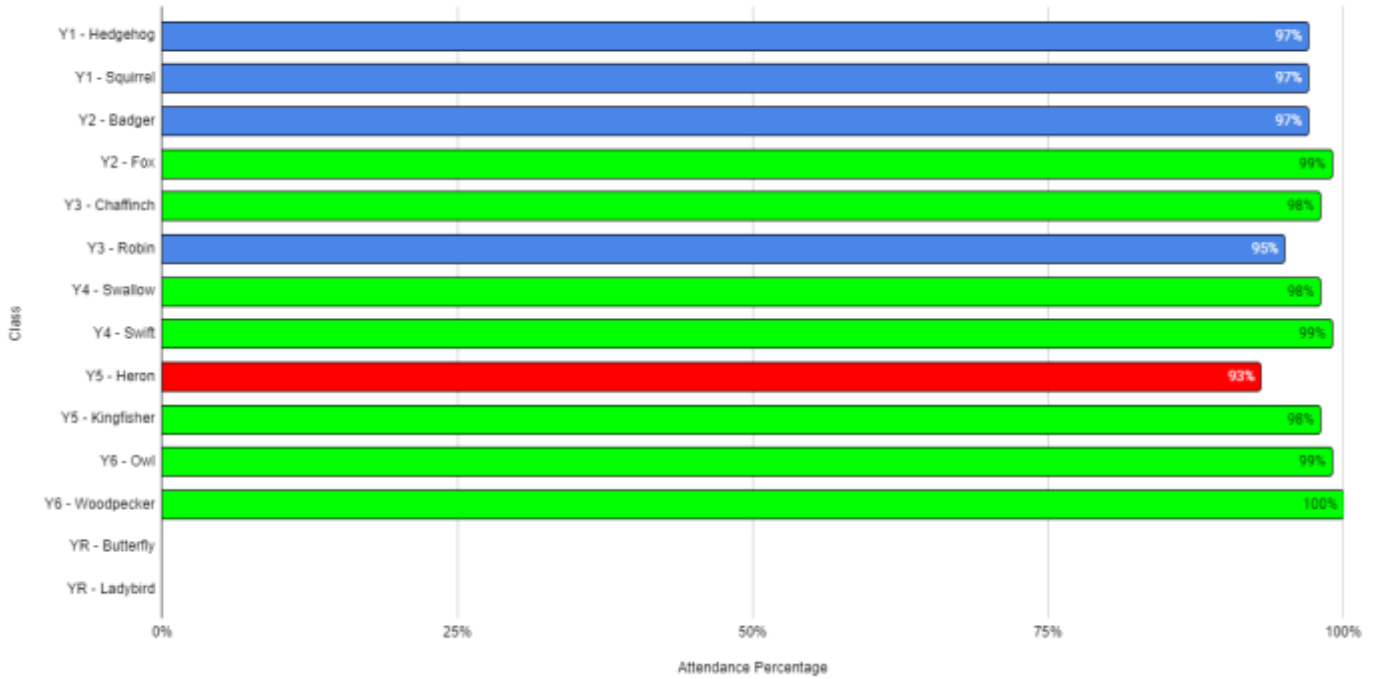
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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: 97.3%

Class Percentages



**Well done to Woodpecker Class.
I hope you enjoyed the popcorn!**



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	



Sporting News



Mr Harris writes:

On Thursday some of our Year 5 & 6 boys took part in the Crawley school's football tournament. They took part against 19 other schools from around Crawley, playing in 5 matches across the afternoon.

The boys performed really well across all of their games, only losing to the eventual tournament winners and runners up. I was very impressed with their efforts and how their performances improved in quality throughout the afternoon.

Well done to the School Football Team.

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.

Thursday 28 th September	School photographs. All children in school uniform. If children have PE please bring kit 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 6 th 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 to 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 18 th October	Years R-5 Structured Conversations
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th Oct	Half term
Tuesday 7th November	PTFA AGM starting at 5:45pm
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
Tuesday 21st November	Year 2 and 3 to Cineworld. No cost involved.
Wednesday 22nd November	Year 5 to Cineworld. No cost involved.
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. Year 4 and 6 to Cineworld. No cost involved.
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 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.

