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***Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential***

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

Well, what a lovely warm weeknd we have just enjoyed. I'm hoping the weather will be just as kind as we are walking to church on Tuesday this week for our Harvest festival services. Thank you for the many donations you have sent in already. Please can you send in all donations by the end of the week as the Food Partnership is coming to collect all the donations on Friday afternoon. Later this month the Crawley Food bank is coming to talk to the children about food poverty.

I hope you have all managed to sign up for your structured conversation appointment. We do like to see all parents and carers over the 2 sessions so please sign up if you haven't so far.



Thank you so much for the donations to Jeans for Genes week. We raised an amazing £363.56 The school councillors are currently deciding what to do to raise money for Children in Need Day in November. I will keep you updated!

**Governor's contribution reminder**

Thank you to the families who have already made their annual payment. If you haven't already done so the forms are attached again with this newsletter. Thank you for your support with

this.

**School Places**

Year 6 parents please remember to apply for a secondary school place by Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

If you are applying for your child to start in the Reception year in September 2023 you can apply online between Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Please don't forget that there is a supplementary form that needs to be completed for St Margaret's if you wish to be considered under the admissions policy with a church reference. We have two open mornings for prospective reception places on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November both starting at 9.30am.

**Harvest**



This year our Harvest celebration will be held at St Margaret's Church this Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



## Year 2 Great Fire of London Day

Miss Chalk writes:

On Friday, Year 2 had an excellent Great Fire of London day. Lots of us dressed up in costumes linked to that era and we had many activities to keep us busy. Making candlestick holders out of clay and writing with a quill and ink were two favourites amongst both classes. Lots of children enjoyed weaving too, despite it being very tricky!



## 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.

## 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.



## 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.

Three children also received the special writing pencil award as their writing was so amazing. A very special well done to Forrest in Squirrel Class, Aidan in Heron Class and Miller in Kingfisher Class.

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



## 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.

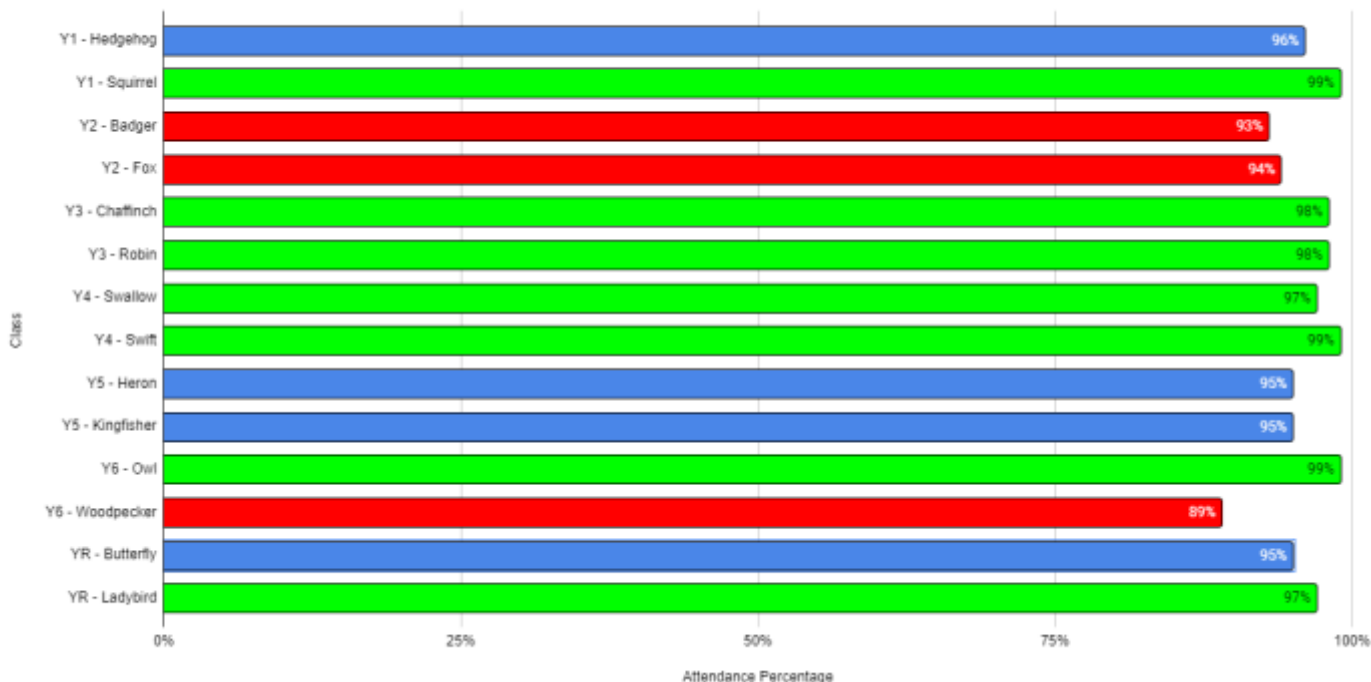
We know that a child's attendance has a direct impact on their learning. Children who are regularly absent from school and are regularly late do not achieve their potential and fall behind in class. Please support the school in this by ensuring that your child attends school regularly and arrives ready 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: 96.2%**



## Class Percentages



**Well done to Swift Class.  
I hope you enjoyed the  
popcorn!  
99.26% - excellent!!**

### 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 2nd October	Fox Class start Forest school for 3 weeks. Please bring Forest School clothes in a bag to change into.
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.
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 10th October	Year 6 Structured Conversations



Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Structured Conversations New Reception (Starting 2024) Open Morning <b>School Photographers - Siblings photos (Reception to Year 6 only)</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Year 6 residential to Hindleap Warren
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 Trip to Bough Beech
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Years R-5 Structured Conversations Year 3 Stone Age Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Years R-5 Structured Conversations
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Half term
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	PTFA AGM starting at 5:45pm
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> 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
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Children in Need Day</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 2 and 3 to Cineworld. No cost involved.
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year 5 to Cineworld. No cost involved.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> December	Open afternoon 2.45-3.30pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day School Christmas Lunch
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	No school run clubs this week.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Carol Service at St Margaret's Church
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9:45am Years 3 and 4 10:30am Years 5 and 6
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the term
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas holidays
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	INSET Day 2
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of the term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> to Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	9.00am Year 2 Worship



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Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half Term
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day and family picnic
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	Reserve Sports day and family picnic
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	INSET Day 3
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	INSET Day 4
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024	INSET Day 5

Thank you for your continuing support.  
care.  
Jill Hine,  
Headteacher.

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