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Monday 16th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

I can hardly believe it is half term next week. The last six weeks have just flown by and I know this week will as well as another busy week is planned. I hope you all have a lovely half term and the weather is kind to us all.

The majority of Year 6 are setting off to Hindleap Warren for their 5 day residential today. I know that they will have a wonderful time and will be a credit to themselves, you as parents and carers and to our school. The year 6 children who are staying at school are also looking forward to a very different week with lots of fun activities. I will share some photos of all their exciting activities when we return from half term. Last minute change of plan is that I am going with the children until Miss Galley is feeling better. Mrs Clark and Mr Bandara will also be joining the year 6s this week.

Ideally children shouldn't go on the equipment after school. Please remember to keep a watchful eye on your children if they do go on the equipment and especially if it has been wet as it makes the equipment very slippery. It is your responsibility to ensure they are safe.

Miss Riley is leaving at the end of this week to take up the position of school secretary at a local school. We thank Miss Riley for all her hard work and wish her lots of luck in her new role. We welcome Mrs Campbell to our school and to Swallow Class. Mrs Campbell will be starting with us after half term and I know you will all make her feel very welcome and part of the St Margaret's family.

Poppy appeal



Children can buy poppies or other products from the school reception area whilst we have the items. These will be on sale from this week. These are often very popular so we may sell out quickly. The suggested donations are: Zip pull: £1, Reflector £1, Silicon wristband £1 and Snap band £1.50

There are also poppies which have no suggested donation, but as a school we are saying at least 20p. We can't give change so if you are sending children with money it will need to be the right amount and in an old envelope with their name on incase it goes missing.
Thank you.

Safeguarding meeting

All volunteers in school need to attend one brief safeguarding meeting. There is one on Thursday at 2.45pm in school. Please let Mr Chambers know if you can attend. I'll be running another one after half term so don't worry if you can't make this meeting.

Structured Conversations

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have already signed up. We all know that 10 minutes can fly by so we ring a bell every 10 minutes to try and keep everyone on time, but if you need a longer time to discuss your child this can easily be organised with your child's teacher for another time. Year 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 meetings are all in the classrooms. Butterfly and Ladybird meetings will be held in rooms up in the Key Stage one area so please don't go to their classrooms. There will be signs to direct you to the right place for the Butterfly and Ladybird meetings.





PTFA Disco

DJ Dean is back on the decks for the school disco!!

Disco Day is Friday 3rd November. Reception, Year 1 and 2 can go to the earlier disco 3.15pm-4.14pm and Year 3, 4 5 and 6 can go to the later one which is 4.30pm -5.30pm Click [here](#) to purchase the tickets.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 can change into their disco clothes at school and should not wear them to school on the day. Please pick up children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 after the disco has finished from their classrooms just as you do every afternoon.

For Years 3, 4 ,5 and 6 please collect children from the school hall at 5.30pm.

Nativity Performances

The dates for the Nativity performance are below. Information about tickets will be sent out in mid November.



Monday 4th December	pm Reception dress rehearsal to school
Tuesday 5th December	9.15am Reception Nativity to parents and carers
Wednesday 6th December	9.15am Reception Nativity to parents and carers pm Year 1 and 2 dress rehearsal to school
Thursday 7th December	9.15am Year 1 and 2 Nativity to parents and carers 2.15pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity to parents and carers
Friday 8th December	9.15am Year 1 and 2 Nativity to parents and carers

School Christmas lunch

The Christmas lunch (Thursday 7th December) is now available to order on Parentpay.



Meals will need to be ordered by 23rd November. If you have already ordered meals up until the end of term please make sure you go back in and order for 7th December.

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.

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.

Reception	Butterfly	
	Ladybird	
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.

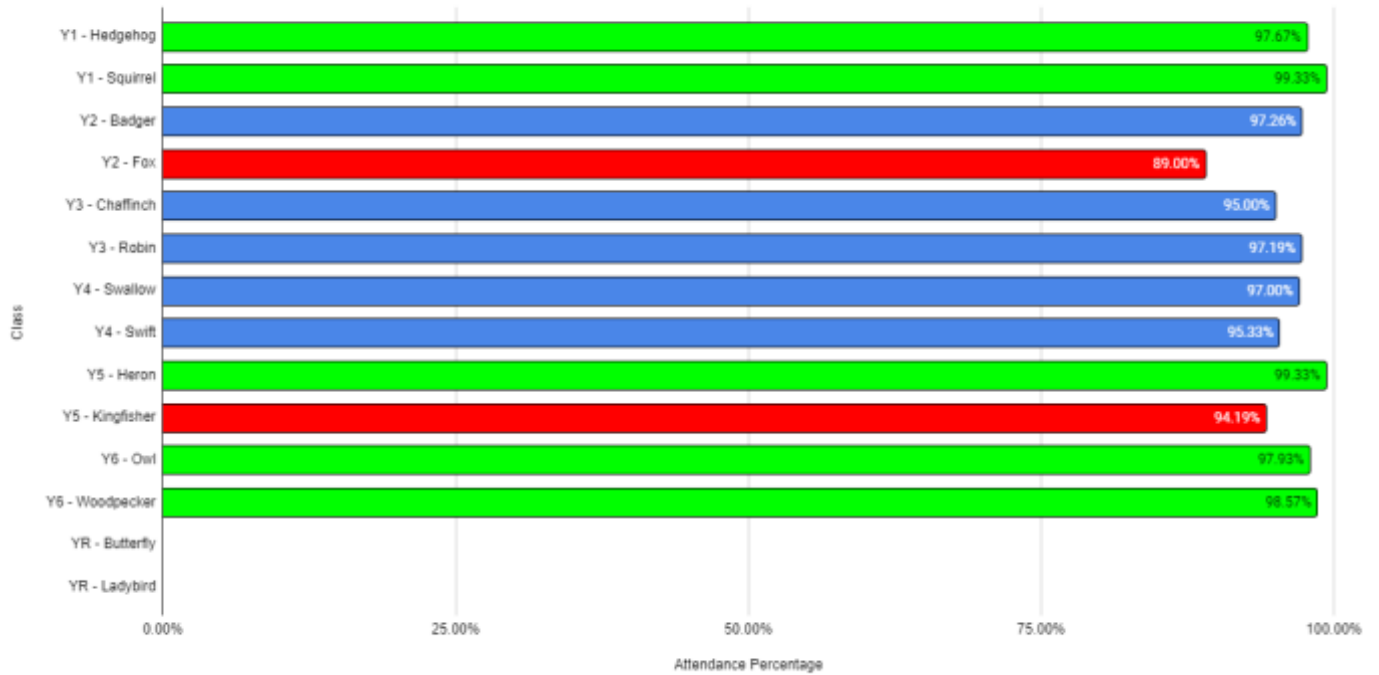
Attendance matters! It is important that your child gets to school on time and aims for 100% attendance!

Overall School Attendance: 95.6%



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Class Percentages



**Well done to Squirrel and Heron Class.
I hope you all enjoyed the popcorn!
99% -Amazing!**

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 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
Friday 20th October	Golden Leaf worship and afternoon treat
Monday 23 rd to Friday 27 th Oct	Half term
Friday 3rd November	PTFA Disco Key Stage 1 3.15pm-4.15pm Key Stage 2 4.30pm-5.30pm
Tuesday 7 th 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. 9.30 am New Reception (Starting 2024) Open Morning



Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 21 st November	Year 2 and 3 to Cineworld. No cost involved.
Wednesday 22 nd November	Year 5 to Cineworld. No cost involved.
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. Year 4 and 6 to Cineworld. No cost involved.
Friday 1 st December	Open afternoon 2.45-3.30pm
Monday 4th December	pm Reception dress rehearsal to school
Tuesday 5th December	9.15am Reception Nativity to parents and carers
Wednesday 6th December	9.15am Reception Nativity to parents and carers pm Year 1 and 2 dress rehearsal to school
Thursday 7th December	9.15am Year 1 and 2 Nativity to parents and carers 2.15pm Year 1 and 2 Nativity to parents and carers Christmas Jumper Day School Christmas Lunch
Friday 8th December	9.15am Year 1 and 2 Nativity to parents and carers
Monday 11 th December	No school run clubs this week.
Thursday 14 th 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 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.

