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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a lovely half term. I can't believe we are nearly into November and it does look like we will have some wet weather for a few weeks, so please send children with named coats this week as we do go out for break times if it isn't raining too hard.

Please remember that due to the roofing works in school only parents and carers of children in our two reception classes can use the gate by the main entrance. If you have other children to collect at the end of the day you will have to collect from the reception classes first and then use the Nursery gate to collect from the other classes. The roofers are hoping that the roofing works will only take 3 weeks, but of course this is weather dependent. Thank you for your cooperation and patience whilst these vital works take place.

Thank you to the many parents who came to the structured conversations in the last week before half term. If you still haven't arranged an appointment or you couldn't make your appointment, please see your child's class teacher this week to make a mutually convenient time. Thank you.

The last week of term was a very busy week for Year 6. Most of the year group went to Hindleap for their residential week and the remaining children were busy at school with activities they had planned. I must start by saying thank you to all the Year 6 children as they have been a real credit to our school.

I also want to say thank you to Mr McGivern, Ms Galley, Mrs Hulbert, Mrs Fox and Mrs Clark who went with the children to Hindleap. Mr Bandara and I also went for two days and we loved it as well! The children were very well behaved, polite and very supportive of one another. We were so pleased, but not really too surprised, that the instructors at Hindleap Warren commented on how well our children behaved during the week. It was a wonderful week of personal challenges, new experiences, excitement, fun and enjoyment. It was tiring and non-stop for everyone, but I know we see a different side to your children when they are away on a residential trip and I'm sure they see us in a different light too. I hope they have talked constantly about their experiences. I especially want to thank all the staff who go, as without them a residential trip could not even be contemplated. Staff are constantly on call 24 hours a day and they leave their families and children behind to go. I'm sure you will all extend your thanks to the staff as well.

Special thanks to Mr Feritto who had a great time with the children who stayed at school. They had a busy and very enjoyable week too.



Another special thank you to these wonderful volunteers who spent a very busy morning at school in August painting, gardening and cleaning the school fencing. Thank you to Jo Lovell and her team of volunteers from Peoples Partnership People Team.





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.



YEAR FIVE – BOUGH BEECH

Year Five had a wonderful time at Bough Beech (SES Water) on Monday 16th October learning about how water goes from lakes and

reservoirs to the taps in our homes. We learnt about the water treatment process and discovered that the centre can clean and send out up to 100 million litres of water every day. We gained a deeper understanding of the importance of being 'Water Savers' not 'Water Wasters'.



Year 1 had an amazing time at their Royal Ball on the final Friday of last half term. There was much dancing and everyone's costumes and party clothes looked superb. Thank you for all of your efforts. A magical day was had by all.



PTFA Disco

DJ Dean is back on the decks for the school disco!!
Disco Day is this 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.



Christian value-Justice



Our new Christian value for the next half term is Justice. We will be thinking about personal justice - 'playing fair' with others; respecting others' rights; acting responsibly and fairly with the people we meet each day. We will also be thinking about social justice, speaking up on behalf of others in the community; recognising that others are fellow human beings with the same rights as ourselves; making sure all voices are heard impartially and global justice, honouring human rights for all people; campaigning for a fairer world; speaking up for the poor, giving a fair hearing to the forgotten poor and the powerless.

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.

Golden Leaf



Well done to the children who were awarded a Golden Leaf on the last Friday before half term. They enjoyed a Golden afternoon tea afterwards.

Well done to you all.

Writing Award

Well done to all our children who received a writing award on the last Friday before half term. 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	





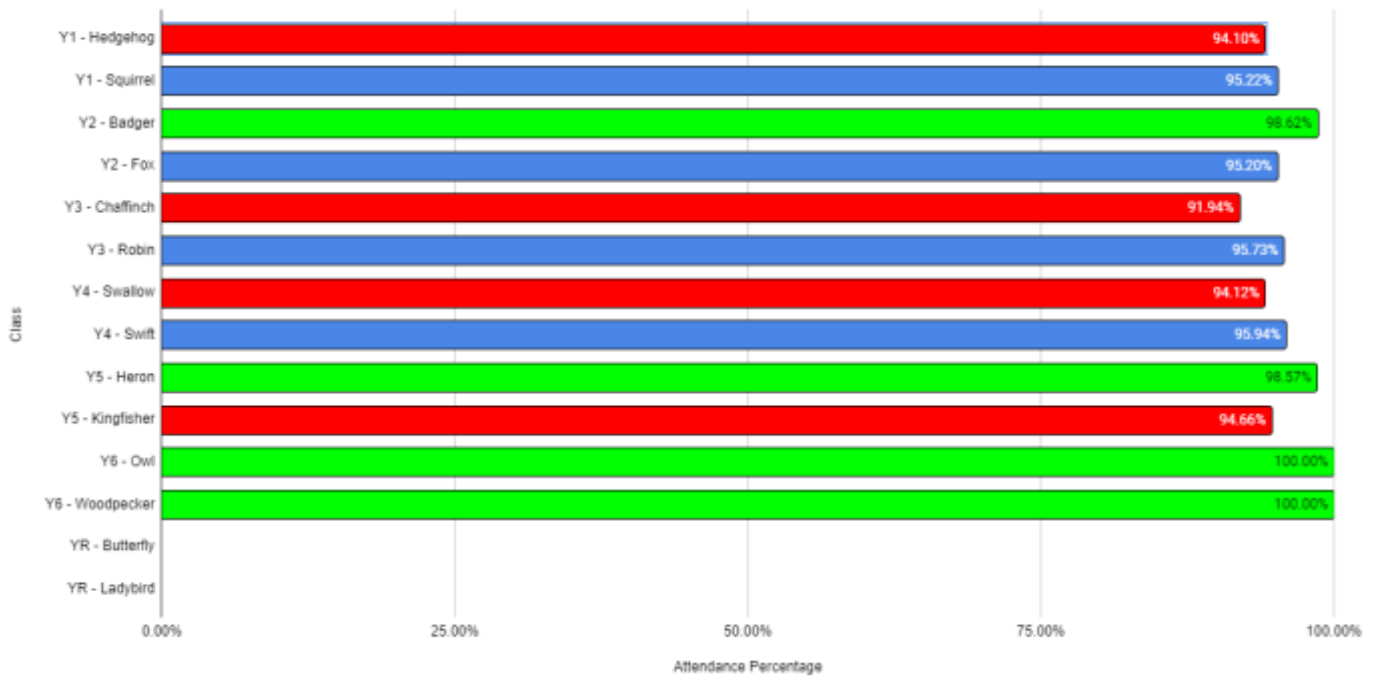
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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%

Class Percentages



**Well done to Owl and Woodpecker.
I hope you enjoyed the popcorn!
100% - Amazing!**



Sporting News



Mr Harris writes:

The week before Hindleap, nine of our Year 5 & 6 girls took part in the Crawley district school's football tournament. They competed against 18 other schools, playing in 7 matches during the afternoon.

The girls got off to a great start winning their opening match and then were very competitive for the rest of the tournament.

Although results weren't always positive, the girls' teamwork, effort and enthusiasm was fantastic throughout the afternoon! Well done to the girls!

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.

Friday 3 rd 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. Last date to order School Christmas dinner
Friday 1 st December	Open afternoon 2.45-3.30pm
Monday 4 th December	pm Reception dress rehearsal to school
Tuesday 5 th December	9.15am Reception Nativity to parents and carers
Wednesday 6 th December	9.15am Reception Nativity to parents and carers pm Year 1 and 2 dress rehearsal to school
Thursday 7 th 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 8 th 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.

