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

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

We had a lovely week of learning last week. Please read later about Year 1 and their bus visit. All the children and staff are very excited about our new structure that is currently being built. It should be finished this week.

We all know how hard it is financially for everyone. When we send letters requesting money for visitors or trips please come and see me if you would like to discuss the payment. We are very flexible and can easily arrange a payment plan. We don't want to cancel trips or visitors, but that could be a possibility.

Please can I remind you that all children with long hair need to have it tied back when in school? Hair accessories should be minimal, plain and in school colours-blue, black or white and without glitter or sequins. Thank you.

With the weather turning much colder now, please can you make sure that all items of clothing are named. Can you also check the school uniform for names when you wash it? This is to check that a name is still visible if you've written them in and also if the clothing does belong to your child! Children only change for Forest School and some clubs now, but we all know how easily clothes are picked up by another child. Thank you.

**Well done to St Margaret's CE School!**

In the recent TTRS (Times Table Rock Stars) competition we came first out of 30 local schools! We are very proud of all our Key stage 2 children. Please keep this up!

**Teaching Assistant positions**

We have two positions available working with our lovely children at St Margaret's. One position is supporting a pupil on a one to one basis or in small groups. The second position is to work across both Year 1 and Year 2. Both positions are full time and term time only. If you are interested in either of them, or would like more information, please speak to me or Mr Bandara at the gate or email the [office@stmagsifield.co.uk](mailto:office@stmagsifield.co.uk) You do not need to have previous experience of working in a school or with children, but we do ask that you have the minimum of GCSE English and Maths.

**Structured Conversations**

Please sign up for your appointment. All meetings are at school just as they were in October. As always children are welcome to come with you and if you need longer than 10 minutes we can organise this for a later date.

**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 the children who got their name in the 'Book of Brilliance'.





### Year 1 Bus visit from MetroBus

On Friday we had a visit from MetroBus. We all had a chance to sit inside the bus and learn lots of insightful facts. We found out that the bus' engines are at the back of the bus compared to cars whose engines are at the front. The bus we were sitting in could hold 61 passengers and there was WIFI aboard the bus. We got the opportunity to ask lots of questions we had and we got the chance to sit in the 'cab' where the drivers drive the bus. What a lovely experience we had, thank you MetroBus!



Keep an eye out for the two new bus drivers around Crawley!



## Leaf awards

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.

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	



## Maths Awards



We are celebrating maths with certificates for the class that is the most accurate and the class that is the fastest.

This week we celebrated just Key Stage 2 classes, but next week we will be celebrating all classes with maths awards.

Most accurate class	Robin 92.63%
Fastest class	Swallow 1.27 seconds

## Attendance



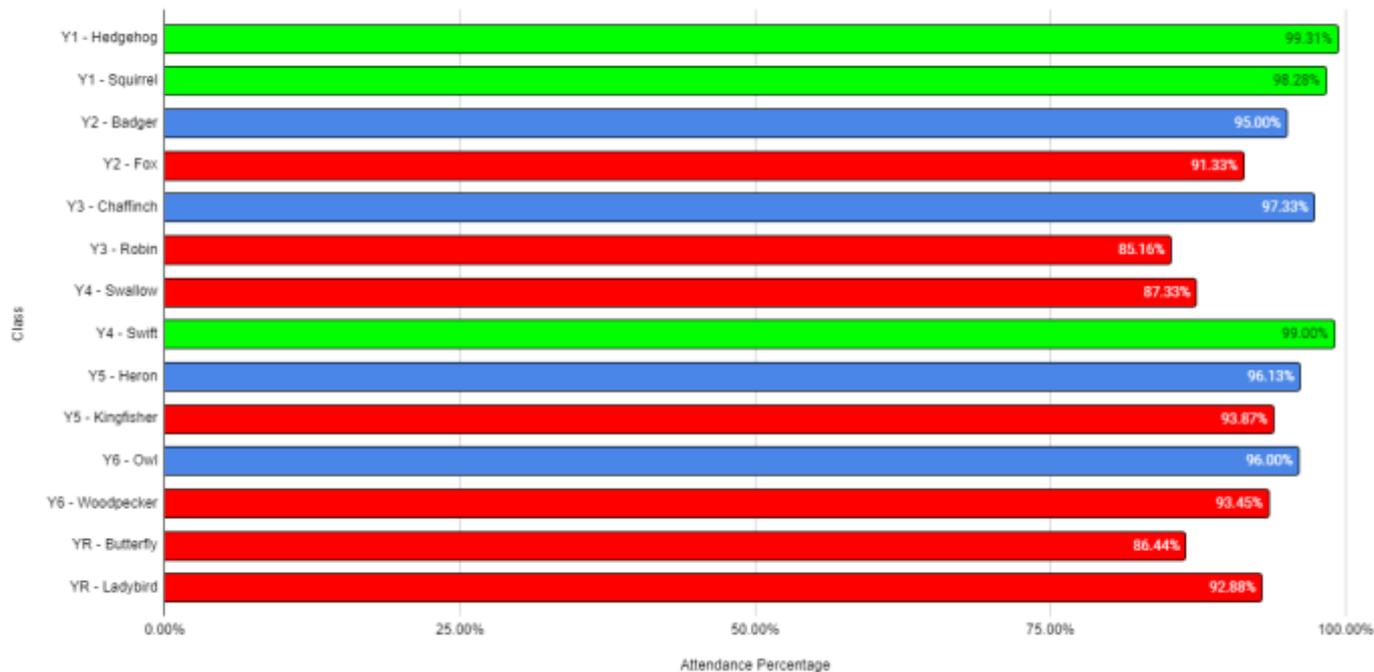
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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!**

**Class Percentages**



**Well done to Hedgehog Class.  
I hope you all enjoyed the popcorn.  
99.31%-so close 100%!**

**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.

Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	11.30am Young Voices choir to O2
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 5 Viking Workshop</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Year 3 Victorian Day. Crawley Museum in school.</b> Structured conversations
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Structured conversations</b> <b>9.00am Year 4 Swallow Class Worship</b> <b>Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child’s learning.</b>
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.
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>9.00am Year 4 Swift Class Worship</b> <b>Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.</b> <b>Open afternoon and Art exhibition</b>
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 Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning.
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.  
Take care.  
Jill Hine, Headteacher.

