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Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential

Monday 19th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all enjoyed the half term. The weather wasn't great with so much rain, but the weekend was better and there are signs of spring around which is so good to see. As always we have a very busy 6 weeks planned for the children at school. I'm sure we will have a fabulous second half of the spring term.

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at school during the structured conversations in the week before half term. Please arrange an appointment time if you haven't seen your child's teacher yet.

Music showcase

On the Wednesday before half term we were treated to another musical showcase, but this time the musical masterclasses were given by Squirrel, Robin and Owl Classes. This half term one class from each year group has been learning to play different instruments with Mr Gilmore and after half term the other class in the year group will have their time with Mr Gilmore. Squirrel Class is learning to play the glockenspiel. They all played with confidence and kept to the beat. Robin Class played the cornets and that was amazing. I couldn't believe how well they had mastered the cornet in just 6 weeks! Finally Owl Class treated us with their ukulele playing which again was another amazing showcase. Well done to all the children and Mr Gilmore.

PTFA



You will notice that there is a green recycling clothing bank just inside the school gates. The PTFA will raise money by how much the weight of the textiles that have been given. Please bag the items. The drivers weigh each bag on site on scales in the van. Bagging loose items takes a lot of time and garments can degrade quicker when put into the bank loose. The company take clothing, uniform, shoes, accessories, bed linen and soft toys.

We cannot take carpet, curtains, duvets, or pillows.

The textiles that are collected are either sent to Eastern Europe to be used again or converted into insulation materials and industrial cleaning wipes, so less than 1% of what is collected ends up in the ground.

Please see the newsletter dates for other PTFA events.



Christian Value



The Christian Value for this half term is Forgiveness. Forgiveness was at the heart of everything Jesus did and is at the heart of the Lord's Prayer. When Jesus declared a person's sins to be forgiven, it often aroused the anger of those who were less willing to forgive than he was and yet a prayer for the forgiveness of his persecutors was on Jesus' lips as he died. Christian preaching has always put forgiveness at the centre.

We will be thinking about saying sorry and why that can be so difficult to say at times and what it means. We will also be reflecting on remaking a broken friendship, saying sorry and making amends.

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 this week.

Golden Leaf Awards



Well done to the children who were awarded a Golden Leaf on Friday. They all enjoyed a special Golden tea with Mr Bandara and myself after worship.

Well done to you all.

Writing Award

Well done to all our children who received a writing award on Friday.

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| 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 also celebrated other maths stars.

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| Most accurate class | Swift Class 91.07% |
| Fastest class | Kingfisher Class 1.42 seconds |



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Attendance



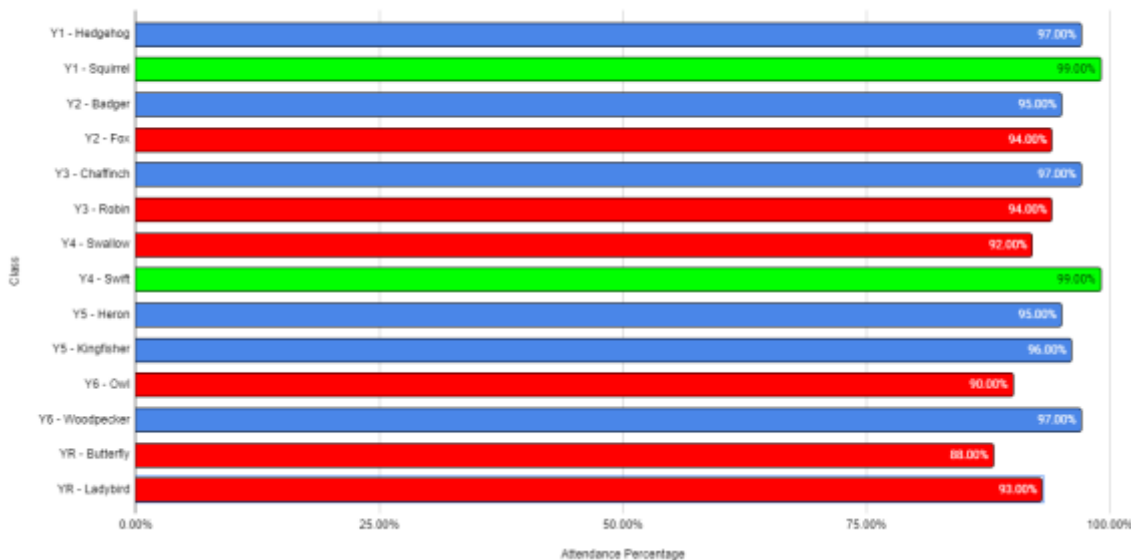
School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's. Every Friday the class with the best attendance for the week will have popcorn on Friday afternoon.

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!

School attendance - **94.7%**

Class Percentages



Well done to Swift Class. I hope you all enjoyed the popcorn. 99.03%.



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.

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| Monday 4th March | 7.00 pm Let's Dance at The Hawth |
| Thursday 7th March | World Book Day-children and staff come dressed as a word! |
| Friday 8th March | 3.00pm Let's Dance showcase to all parents with children involved with Let's Dance |
| Saturday 9th March | 11.30-2.30 PTFA Table Top Sale-details to follow from PTFA Please click here - http://www.stmargaretsptfa.co.uk/ |
| Thursday 14th March | 9.00am Year 3 Eucharist Service Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school for this service. 2.45pm Year 5 Hindleap meeting in the school hall |
| Thursday 21st 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. 2.45pm Year 6 SATS meeting in the school hall |
| Friday 22nd March | PTFA Disco-details to follow from PTFA - Click here to sign up to Classlist and book your tickets - https://classlist.page.link/TdsWxEif5Bu7Hdz49 Key Stage 1 3.15pm-4.15pm Key Stage 2 4.30pm-5.30pm |
| Wednesday 27 th March | 9.00am Year 4 Swift Class Worship Parents, carers and family members are very welcome to join us at school to find out about your child's learning. Open afternoon and Art exhibition |
| 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 - Tuesday 23 rd July | INSET Days 3, 4 and 5 |

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

