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Dear Parents and Carers

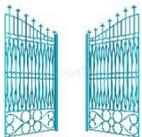
We welcome Mr Chambers to our school from today. Mr Chambers will be in the school office and I'm sure during the year he will get to know your faces and your children. I know that you will all make him feel very welcome at St Margaret's.

Mrs Winton and I are worried about the number of children running across The Mardens every morning and after school. Please ensure the road is clear before you cross or encourage your child to run across and car drivers please drive slowly down the road. All children are very precious. Thank you.



Thank you so much for your generous online donations for Children in Need. We raised an amazing £750 which is just fantastic!

Thank you so much.



Please can I ask Reception parents to leave enough space for staff to enter through the pedestrian gate in the mornings? Some staff are finding it difficult to come into school in the mornings as there isn't a clear pathway to the gate and we all need to remember the 2 metre social distancing. Thank you very much.

### **Nursery Parent Consultations**

Don't forget...this week is telephone parent consultations for nursery:

Monday 16th November: Mrs Ackroyd & Mrs Whitehead from 3.45

Tuesday 17th November: Mrs Webster from 3.45

Thursday 19th November: Miss Walder from 3.45

Please remember that these phone calls can only be up to 10 minutes, the number may be blocked so please answer your phone if you were expecting your key person to call at that time! Thank you.

### **Free School Meals**

If your financial circumstances have recently changed and you think your child may be eligible, then check with this list.

From 1 April 2018, free school meals in all West Sussex maintained and free schools and academies are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Download the form here and return to the school office to see if you are eligible  
[https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/11241/free\\_school\\_meals\\_application.docx](https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/11241/free_school_meals_application.docx)



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## Anti-Bullying Week



This week is anti-Bullying week so we will be thinking in all our worships about what Bullying is and what we can do about it. The message this year is 'United against Bullying'. Bullying is not just one incident. The ABA (Anti-Bullying Alliance) defines bullying as:

The **repetitive**, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.

Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or online.

## Christmas



We have been talking about Christmas and the implications with Covid restrictions at school and I'm sure many of you will have been talking about the implications of Covid and Christmas at home this year as well.

We cannot have any parents and family in to watch Nativity plays or have our carol services in church, but we are going to film a whole school and nursery Nativity so you can all share in this special production. This will be ready in the final week of school and we are all very excited about this.

We have agreed that this year children shouldn't bring in Christmas cards. Children usually give these out and often in other year groups. With our current Covid restrictions we can't do this safely. You can still ensure your child or children give out Christmas cards outside of school.

We would also like you to donate food or toiletries, like a Harvest gift, instead of your very generous present for staff. We are then going to donate these to Home start. I will give you more details next week.

## Virtual Sports Competition

Mrs Leicester writes:

I am thrilled to announce that in the Crawley Schools virtual competition for Indoor Athletics, Year 3 came 3rd in Crawley and Year 5 came 1st!

A massive well done to everyone in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 who took part and to the adults who ran the events.

St Margaret's marches on again to the virtual Cross Country event beginning next week.

Good luck to pupils in Years 1 to 6 who can take part.

As part of our Active travel plan, we are encouraging families to walk to school wherever possible.

## Leaf certificates



Well done to all the children who were awarded a leaf this week.

Well done to Kiara in Butterfly Class and Max in Ladybird Class, Year 1 celebrated Finley in Hedgehog Class and Freddie in Squirrel Class, Year 2 celebrated Ali in Badger Class and Fabiano in Fox Class, Year 3 celebrated Billy in Chaffinch Class and Ellis in Robin Class, Year 4 celebrated Jeremy in Swallow and Tayen in Swift Class, Year 5 celebrated Mason in Heron Class and Oliver in Kingfisher Class and in Year 6 we celebrated Luke in Woodpecker Class and Swara in Owl Class. Well done to you all.

## 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 Jake in Chaffinch Class, Harry L in Robin Class, Mason in Heron Class and the whole school as the nurses administering the nasal flu were so impressed with all the children on Friday. Well done to you all.

## Attendance



School attendance is very important to us at St Margaret's.

### This is the NHS guidance about sending your child to school with a cold. Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or cold. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

### This is the NHS guidance about coronavirus.

#### Main symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

Reception	Butterfly	93.55
	Ladybird	97.33
Year 1	Squirrel	96.40
	Hedgehog	98.08
Year 2	Fox	98.39
	<b>Badger</b>	<b>99.33</b>
Year 3	Chaffinch	99.13
	Robin	97.29
Year 4	Swift	95.86
	Swallow	98.32
Year 5	Kingfisher	98.93
	Heron	98.97
Year 6	Owl	99.31
	Woodpecker	97.24

**Well done to Badger Class.  
Nearly 100% attendance.**

**Chaffinch and Owl you are  
all so close with just  
under 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.

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd sock day Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Forest School for Squirrel Class for 3 weeks
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Forest School for Woodpecker Class for 3 weeks
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	First day of Spring term
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Deadline for application for primary school in September 2021.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> -Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Half term
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Inset Day 4
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2021	Last day of spring term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021	First day of summer term
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May-Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Half term
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	Inset Day 5
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Last day of term

Please remember we are all here for you all even if you don't see us every day- we are just a phone call or email away. We are always here to talk to you support and offer advice so please don't ever feel you are alone at this time. Take care.

Jill Hine  
Headteacher



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