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Dear Parents and Carers

I can't believe how quickly November has flown by. School weeks are always very busy and I know the last four won't be any exception. Please make sure that children have a book bag or a small backpack for books to go in.



The letter from Ofsted following our October visit, was sent to me late on Friday. It will be published on the Ofsted website this week, but the letter is being sent out with this newsletter. As I explained a couple of weeks ago the Ofsted visit was a one day visit and not an inspection. Ofsted state that 'these visits will be collaborative conversations that will help us all understand how well pupils are getting on as they return to school and get back into routine'. There are no judgements made.

Mrs Winton and I spent 5 hours with the 2 inspectors and although it was an exhausting day it was a very positive experience.



Miss Edwards writes:

I have the results of the Children in Need competition winners. Well done to: Hedgehog - Tila and Noah, Squirrel - Kaspar and Kayla Rose, Fox - Finley and Eva, Badger - Sofia Year 3 - Liliana and Arabella, Swift - Aimel and Ella, Swallow - Tiana and Ose, Kingfisher - Izzy, Heron - Sareena and Ginevra, Owl - Lorenzo and Josh and Woodpecker - Zoe and Naelle.

PTA news



Don't forget the deadline for your Christmas cards is today, 23rd November, for all online orders.

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 to see if you are eligible

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/media/11241/free_school_meals_application.docx



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Christmas



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 and 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. This is going to be a very low key production and we certainly don't want any shop bought costumes.

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.



**CRAWLEY
OPEN HOUSE**

helping the homeless and disadvantaged

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 Crawley Open House as HomeStart have emailed me back to say that they are very grateful to be thought about but aren't able to take in any more donations currently.



Sadly we won't be able to have a school Christmas Dinner this year. This is because of the number of staff needed to serve in the hall and keeping every year group bubble safe. I'm sure you can understand that we have considered this very carefully. The children will still be having Christmas parties and these will be with their Year group bubble. These will be in the last week of the term and I will send out more details next week.

Leaf certificates



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

Well done to Shameer in Butterfly Class and Abubacarr in Ladybird Class, Year 1 celebrated Imogen in Hedgehog Class and Ricardo in Squirrel Class, Year 2 celebrated Lily-Anne in Badger Class and Aiden in Fox Class, Year 3 celebrated Jake in Chaffinch Class and Gabriele in Robin Class, Year 4 celebrated Umair in Swallow and Hayden in Swift Class, Year 5 celebrated Dean in Heron Class and Nevaeh in

Kingfisher Class and in Year 6 we celebrated Miley in Woodpecker Class. Owl Class were at Forest School. 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 Xen in Butterfly Class, Axel, Vivaan, Imogen, Jasmine and Theo in Hedgehog Class, Jasmine in Squirrel Class, Sophie and Mila in Chaffinch Class, Edward in Owl Class,
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	94.19
	Ladybird	89.56
Year 1	Hedgehog	95.38
	Squirrel	97.58
Year 2	Badger	98.39
	Fox	89.03
Year 3	Chaffinch	100
	Robin	95.7
Year 4	Swift	95.0
	Swallow	96.3
Year 5	Heron	98.9
	Kingfisher	97.14
Year 6	Owl	100
	Woodpecker	93.4

**Well done to
Chaffinch and Owl
Class. Both classes
had 100%
attendance last
week.**

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 30 th November	Forest School for Squirrel Class for 3 weeks
Tuesday 1st December	Year 4 Egyptian Day
Friday 4 th December	Forest School for Woodpecker Class for 3 weeks
Friday 11th December	Christmas Jumper day. Miss Budd will set up online donations again. Details will be sent out.
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term
Monday 4 th January 2021	First day of Spring term
Friday 15 th January	Deadline for application for primary school in September 2021.
Monday 15 th -Friday 19 th February 2021	Half term
Friday 12 th February 2021	Inset Day 4
Thursday 1 st April 2021	Last day of spring term
Monday 19 th April 2021	First day of summer term
Monday 31 st May-Friday 4 th June 2021	Half term
Monday 5 th July 2021	Inset Day 5
Friday 23 rd 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