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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all enjoyed the weekend. I'm sure many of you were busy putting up Christmas decorations. We have put ours up in school and it all looks very festive. Only 3 week's left of the autumn term. I'm not sure where these weeks go!



Please can I remind you that when collecting children after school only 1 member from a family should come into the school grounds? We are trying to keep the numbers of adults on the playground and exiting through the Nursery gate to a minimum.

PE uniform is black, grey or blue joggers, a coloured house T shirt and a school jumper or cardigan. I'm seeing a few children wearing branded hoodies and coloured tracksuit bottoms and these are not part of our uniform. Thank you for your support with this.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2021 you will need to complete the online application and the school application. All forms need to be received by 15th January.

We are all delighted that so many parents are using Seesaw. It is lovely to read the comments and hear children reading at home. If your child isn't going to be in school you should call the school and leave a message on the attendance line and not email school or send a message on Seesaw.

If you need any support using Seesaw please speak to your child's class teacher.



All classes will be having a Christmas party in the final week of term. The teachers will let you know what this will be like for each year group and if any food is needed. Food cannot be shared at school so please wait to hear what each class are doing. Year 6 and 4 haven't decided which day they will be having their party as yet so their date isn't shown on the dairy dates reminder.

House Points



I will publish the weekly house point totals in the newsletter from now on. I always share them with the children on our virtual worship, but I think you will also want to see how close these termly competitions are.

Blue	8575
Red	8492
Yellow	8241
Green	8064



250 House Points

Well done to a variety of children who have achieved their 250 House Points certificate from Mrs Hine this week.



Leaf certificates



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

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 who have managed to get their names into the 'Book of Brilliance' this week.

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	96.13
	Ladybird	96.00
Year 1	Hedgehog	94.07
	Squirrel	98.80
Year 2	Badger	97.10
	Fox	97.42
Year 3	Chaffinch	99.12
	Robin	98.18
Year 4	Swallow	96.67
	Swift	95.33
Year 5	Heron	97.67
	Kingfisher	94.64
Year 6	Owl	97.24
	Woodpecker	98.97

**Well done to
Chaffinch Class.
You had the best
attendance in the
school last week.**



As Christmas approaches, we understand that you may wish to be very generous and give presents to staff. This year, we would request that instead of buying presents for staff that you bring in a donation of food or toiletries, like a Harvest gift.

If your donations could be brought into school via your child by Monday 14th December this would be very much appreciated.

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 11 th December	Christmas Jumper day. Miss Budd will set up online donations again. Details will be sent out.
Wednesday 16th December	Reception Class party
Thursday 17th December	Year 1 Class party am Year 5 Class party pm
Friday 18th December	Last day of term Golden Leaf Worship and celebration Year 2 Class party Year 3 Class party
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

