

St. Margaret's C of E Primary School

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Monday 6th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome back to school. I hope you all had a lovely enjoyable summer break with your families. It is always lovely to see everyone again after the summer break and hear about everyone's exciting days out. Please can you make sure that your children are wearing school shoes and not trainers? I'm hoping that all the uniform is named! It would be lovely if we didn't have any lost property this year. I always hope that one day that will happen...maybe this year will be the year!

A warm welcome to our new children and their families who have joined school this week. We all hope that you and your children soon settle into school life here at St Margaret's, but if you have any questions or concerns please speak to me or any member of staff. We are here to help and to ensure that we build a positive learning partnership with you.

We also welcome Mrs Gay to the school office. Mrs Gay will be well known to many of you as she was a teaching assistant and has just swapped roles. We also welcome 6 new members of staff Mrs Ashton, Mrs Brierley and Mrs Hazeltine who will all be working in Butterfly and Ladybird Classes, Mrs Duncan, teaching assistant in Hedgehog Class, Miss Dell, teacher, in Robin Class and Mr Harris, teaching assistant, in Heron Class. I know you will make all our new members of staff feel very welcome.

This week, all the children will be coming home with our Home School agreement. We know that building a strong partnership between staff, parents and carers is important in helping children to achieve and to enjoy learning. We are determined to create an inclusive culture of learning where all children will be challenged in their thinking, to achieve to the best of their abilities and strive to become lifelong learners. This can be done most effectively when all staff, parents and children understand their responsibilities and work together towards the same goals, as detailed in our Home School Agreement.

Please send it back to school as soon as you can this week or next week.



PE kit

Please check that your child has the correct colour T shirt for PE for September. This must not be a football shirt. Children can wear blue shorts and as the weather turns cooler they can wear joggers. These can be black, grey or navy. Coloured PE shirts can be ordered through our school uniform supplier-Taylor Made Uniforms.

Music Lessons

Our keyboard teacher has emailed the school saying there are places if your child is interested in learning to play. If you would like to know more details please contact the school office.

There are also places available for guitar lessons with James in school.

Learn to read music and play fun tunes with your friends.

Lessons starting from £8.50.

Group and individual lessons available.

If you have any questions please contact James directly or you can apply on his website using the contact form.

james@jcuitar.co.uk

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Christian Value



follow in Jesus' footsteps.

This half term we will be focusing on the value of Responsibility. We will be discussing how important this value is to the work we do in school; that we all have rights and we all have responsibilities. We will talk about the responsibility we have to ourselves to always do our best, but also the service we give to others how we support and think of others. We will reflect on the fact that responsibility is thinking about the good of everyone, not just what suits one individual and we try to do our best for the good of others as well as ourselves and

Thank you to ITW



Last Wednesday, 1st September, our school was busy with 24 volunteers from ITW a local construction product company in Crawley. All the volunteers came with plenty of enthusiasm and lots of materials to improve areas around our school.

We are so grateful for all their hard work and you will see some of the changes they have made.

There is a new fence around Nursery, the Year 1 outside area has been painted, the seating in the playground by the medical room has also been painted, God's Garden has been given new bark chippings and the fence painted, the stage, maze, and seating near Forest School have been painted and new flower beds have been created.

Everyone must have been exhausted when they left here at 5.00pm as they didn't stop all day. Thank you so much. We are so grateful.



Golden Leaf certificates



Well done to the children who were awarded a Golden Leaf on the last day of term. The children then came to a 'golden breakfast' and enjoyed croissant, muffins and pain au chocolate with orange or apple juice.

Well done to you all.

Attendance



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

This is the latest NHS guidance about coronavirus.

Main symptoms Children can get coronavirus (COVID-19), but they seem to get it less often than adults and it's usually less serious.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

What to do if your child has symptoms

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, even if they're mild:

1. Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
2. Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the test result – they can only leave home to have the test. Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate.

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 6 th September	First day of Autumn term
Monday 20th September	Swift Class start swimming for 10 weeks
Monday 25 th October to Friday 29 th October	Half term
Monday 1 st November	Inset Day 3
Monday 6th December	Last swimming session for Swift Class
Friday 17 th December	Last day of Autumn term
Tuesday 4 th January 2022	First day of Spring term
Monday 10 th January	Swallow Class start swimming for 10 weeks
Monday 21 st February to Friday 25 th February 2022	Half term
Monday 28 th February 2022	Inset Day 4
Monday 21st March	Last swimming session for Swallow Class
Monday 28th March	Fox Class start swimming for 6 weeks
Friday 8 th April 2022	Last day of Spring term
Monday 25 th April 2022	First day of Summer term
Monday 23 rd May	Last swimming session for Fox Class
Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June 2022	Half term
Monday 6 th June	Badger Class start swimming for 6 weeks
Friday 1 st July 2022 TBC	Inset Day 5
Monday 11 th July	Last swimming session for Badger Class
Thursday 21st July 2022	Last day of term. This date has been changed by the local authority to accommodate the extra bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee that falls in the spring half term.

Stay safe and take care.
Thank you for your continuing support.

Jill Hine
Headteacher