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***Loving God ~ Serving others ~ Fulfilling our potential***

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope your children enjoyed their first week back at school. I'm sure there were some tired children by the weekend - there were some tired staff too! Welcome to all our new children and parents joining us in our two Reception classes and in Nursery. I know when I popped in during the week they were all having a wonderful time and they all looked very settled.

I'm delighted to say that all the children were all very well behaved last week and enjoyed 'Learning to Learn Week'. It was a pleasure to be in school last week with all the children again. They have returned to school with excellent attitudes, smiling faces and an eagerness to learn. I'm sure this will continue.

### **Parking**

It is really sad that one of our local residents had to send an email to the school office on Friday afternoon about some inconsiderate parking. Some parents had parked and blocked his garage near the school. He was blocked in for over 20 minutes. I have written many times about considerate parking and I am appealing again as it really isn't fair when our local residents can't use their cars as their garages are blocked.

### **Music Lessons**

Our violin teacher also has spaces for any child who is keen to learn. Please contact the school office for more details.

### **Name our Dragon Competition**

Over the summer holidays Mr Ferrito was busy painting our new entrance area display. We are thrilled with this



colourful addition to St Margaret's School. Each class chose their favourite book and our wonderful dragon sits on these as it is the foundation of our learning. We are really pleased that the vision for our learning at St Margaret's is so attractively displayed. I will write more about this next week as we are just waiting for some new artwork to be finished, but our dragon does need a name. All children are invited to choose a name for our school dragon and they could win their very own dragon. The staff will give out the slips this week. All entries to be returned by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September and the winner will be announced very soon.

One lucky child will win this lovely cuddly dragon!



## 'Kids Matter' Parenting Programme

From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 9:00a.m to 11:00a.m. at Crawley Baptist Church  
A community parenting programme for parents run by parents – a free 6 week programme for the community, giving Mums, Dads and Caregivers the tools to build strong families.

To secure a place email: [denisebeer@crawleybaptistchurch.org.uk](mailto:denisebeer@crawleybaptistchurch.org.uk)

### Harvest



This year our Harvest celebration will be held at St Margaret's Church on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September. There are two services one at 1.30pm for Years 3 & 4 and one at 2.15pm for the Year 5 & 6 service.

Parents are welcome to join us at one of the services at church, but if you are attending church you must wear a face covering.

The younger year groups will be having a Harvest celebration in school on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September. I am sorry, but this will be without parents.

We are asking for donations of tins or packets of coffee, teabags, sugar, UHT milk, meat, fish, vegetables, fruit, beans, bottles of squash, soup, cereals, pasta, cooking sauces, desserts, crisps, sweets, biscuits or toiletries for Crawley Food Bank Partnership. These can be brought to school. We will accept donations from this week. Thank you in advance for your very kind donations.

### Jeans for Genes day



This Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September, the children and staff can wear jeans to school as we raise money for children with genetic disorders. Children should still wear school uniform on their top half. I'm sure you will all wish to support this worthy cause. If your child has PE on Friday they can wear their jeans on Thursday. I am happy that children wear trainers with their jeans. Thank you.

Please donate on the just giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Jeanne-Gay>

### Book of Brilliance



Every week 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 you all.

### Leaf certificates



Well done to the children who were awarded the first Leaf of the Autumn term on Friday.

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.

Reception	Butterfly	Still part time
	Ladybird	Still part time
Year 1	Hedgehog	96.31
	Squirrel	99.00
Year 2	Badger	96.40
	Fox	93.57
Year 3	Chaffinch	93.23
	<b>Robin</b>	<b>100</b>
Year 4	Swallow	97.48
	Swift	99.17
Year 5	Heron	96.53
	Kingfisher	99.33
Year 6	Owl	98.01
	Woodpecker	98.62

**Well done to Robin Class for having the best attendance last week-100%!**

## Fire and Lockdown Drills



As part of our Health and Safety policies and procedures, the school holds termly fire drills and lockdown drills. As part of our COVID-19 risk assessment these also need to be carried out. We will carry out another fire drill this term when all the Reception children are in school. We will explain that the school lockdown means something different to the lockdown that we all experienced during the pandemic.

These drills are good practice in all schools. In the event of a fire or other serious incident the children would be evacuated firstly onto the school playground and then onto the back school field. We don't practice evacuating onto the school field at every fire drill.

On very rare occasions, it may be necessary to seal off the school so that no entry can be gained from the outside. This situation is called lockdown. This will ensure that pupils, staff and visitors are safe in situations where there is a hazard in the school grounds or outside the school in the near vicinity. A lockdown is implemented when there is serious security risks to the premises due to, for example, near-by chemical spillage, proximity of dangerous dogs, serious weather conditions or attempted access by unauthorised persons intent on causing harm/damage. Both drills are explained to the children by saying that we need to practice leaving the building safely and sometimes we need to practice staying safe inside the building. We always reassure the children that these drills are for practice, but I do

understand that this can cause upset and distress for some children, so please let your child's teacher know if your child has been upset.

Prior to the drill taking place, your child's class teacher will have spent some time discussing the reasons for lockdowns and the expectations of what everyone needs to do. We would not go into details about why a lockdown might happen, but would talk generally about this drill. For the children and staff the lockdown drill is for all the children in the class to sit in the classroom, usually together, all blinds and doors are shut, lights and computers are turned off and the teacher will read to the children until the all clear is sounded. There will also be time for children to ask any questions that they may have.

As stated above the lockdown drill is part of our policy and I can assure you that the school has not received any threats, nor have there been any incidents.

If you have any questions regarding the lockdown drill then please feel free to contact me via the school office.

**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.

**Please check the dates for swimming as some have changed.**

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Jean for Genes day. Please donate on the just giving page.
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Swift Class start swimming for 10 weeks
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>School photographer. All children must wear school uniform. If it is a PE day for your child please send this in a bag just for this day. Year 6 to Crawley museum</b>
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Year 5 to Science Museum</b>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 6 Tag Rugby Festival</b>
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> –Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 6 to Hindleap warren</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Inset Day 3
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Year 6 to Cineworld</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Last swimming session for Swift Class
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Autumn term
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	First day of Spring term
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Swallow Class start swimming for 10 weeks
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Half term
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Inset Day 4
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last swimming session for Swallow Class</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Fox Class start swimming</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Last day of Spring term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	First day of Summer term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2022	Half term
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Last swimming session for Fox Class</b>
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Badger Class start swimming</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2022 TBC	Inset Day 5
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Last swimming session for Badger Class
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Last day of term

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

Jill Hine  
Headteacher

