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

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers



Well done to this child! Our school dragon is called 'Bernie' and this child was delighted to win the competition. She found out last Monday and took Bernie home that evening. All the children that took part had a gold medal and I was really amazed by how many children entered. Well done to you all.

#### **Governor's contribution reminder**

Thank you to the families who have already made their annual payment. If you haven't already done so the forms are attached again with this newsletter. Thank you for your support with this.

#### **School Places**

Year 6 parents please remember to apply for a secondary school place by Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

If you are applying for your child to start in the Reception year in September 2022 you can apply online between Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Please don't forget that there is a supplementary form that needs to be completed for St Margaret's if you wish to be considered under the admissions policy with a church reference.

#### **School Trips and Chartwells lunches**

Parents of children in Key Stage 2, who pay for their child's lunch, must contact Chartwells 5 days in advance of a school trip to make sure they receive a credit note for when their child is on a school trip.

A consent form has been circulated for Thrive consent to all parents. Thrive® promotes positive mental health and emotional wellbeing in children and young people. For further information about this approach, please visit [www.thriveapproach.com](http://www.thriveapproach.com). For most of our pupils Thrive will be delivered through our in class RHE provision. For some there will be small group support delivered by the class teaching assistant to further develop their skills. A few pupils may access more individualised support through our in school Thrive Practitioners. To follow Thrives GDPR regulations, parental consent is needed for individual sessions and therefore we are seeking this consent once from our parents and carers to ease the administration of this.



#### **Year 4 Rugby**

Mr Ferrito writes: Last Thursday, Year 4 took part in the Crawley Tag Rugby Festival at Crawley Rugby Club. On hand, designated reporters for the event, two children from Swift class gave their accounts on what started as a wet and blustery morning and ended with a fun time had by all on a fine autumn day. They reported that many of the children were excited to try the new sport that they had practiced during P.E. sessions, others were keen to get their skills on show and of course, most were thrilled to not be in class!

The morning practice drills were based on improving their skills with the afternoon full of actual tag rugby games. The whole year group had an amazing time playing the matches with the organisers spotting some real promising players emerging from the bunch.



At the end of it all, every player got a certificate and goody bag for taking part - with four of St Margaret's children being awarded actual medals for their efforts!  
Well done to all of the children and staff.

### Year 5 Science Museum

Miss Edwards writes:

On Thursday last week Year 5 left school early in the morning. Year 5 were very excited to take a trip to the London Science Museum. We enjoyed looking at the interactive displays and getting up close to space rockets. The children were amazed when they looked at a piece of real Moon rock! Overall, the children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the exciting exhibits that the museum had to offer! A big thank you to Mr Emery and Mrs Ayres for joining us on our fantastic trip!

### Structured Conversations

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have already signed up. Please make sure you sign up by Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

We all know that 10 minutes can fly by, so if you need a longer time to discuss your child this can easily be organised.

### PTFA

The PTFA met last week and a few dates were put in the calendar. Did you know we have our own PTFA lottery? This term the additional prize is a family ticket for a Harry Potter studio tour, or theatre tickets or the monetary value <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/st-margarets-school>  
Please don't forget the PTFA AGM on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. The meeting will start at 6.45pm and it will be lovely to see as many parents and carers as possible on this evening. Please ask if you aren't sure what the PTFA does. If everyone helps a little it makes such a big difference to everyone.



IT'S BACK!  
**ELFRIDGES**  
*is coming to St Margaret's*  
**10 DECEMBER 2021**

The elves are coming to St Margaret's to help the children choose and wrap a special present for their adults, so they too can leave them something special under the tree.

Please can we ask you for any new unwanted gifts for example, toiletries, bath smellies, candles, chocolate, photo frames, socks etc.

In exchange for your donation the children will be able to wear their own clothes.

Please bring your donation in on  
FRIDAY 26 NOVEMBER  
alternatively a £1 donation.

**Tickets to Elfridges will go on sale soon.**



### Wreath making evening

We are hosting a wreath making evening!  
Due to still having some restrictions in place, spaces will be very limited.  
Please message us with your interest and for how many places you would like.

The pictures below are our inspiration wreaths and your kit will be to your colour themes.

- kit 1 - wooden (Christmas theme not autumnal) £25
- kit 2 - snowman £30
- kit 3 - Disney inspired £35

Please bring your own drinks and snacks.



### 250 House points



Well done to these children who have worked incredibly hard to accumulate 250 house points already! Keep it up for the 500, 750 or 1,000 House Point certificate!



## 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 you all.

## Leaf certificates



Well done to the children who were awarded a 'Leaf' 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	88.21
	Ladybird	77.14
Year 1	Hedgehog	92.33
	Squirrel	89.16
Year 2	Badger	86.86
	Fox	89.36
Year 3	Chaffinch	93.23
	Robin	91.67
Year 4	Swallow	87.08
	Swift	90.83
Year 5	Heron	92.53
	<b>Kingfisher</b>	<b>99.33</b>
Year 6	Owl	96.77
	Woodpecker	91.87

**Well done to Kingfisher  
Class for having the  
highest attendance last  
week  
99.33%**

Overall School Attendance: 94.13

## 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 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Fox Class start Forest School 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> October
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Tag Rugby Festival Robin Class start Forest School for 3 weeks: 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> & 21 <sup>st</sup> October Last day to book an appointment.
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Structured Conversations for Year 6
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Structured Conversations for Year 6
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 with Techy Totz
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> –Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 6 to Hindleap Warren
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>PTFA AGM 6.45 pm in the school hall</b> <b>All parents and carers are part of the PTFA, but do come along to find out more about this wonderful fundraising association.</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Structured Conversations for Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Structured Conversations for Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Structured Conversations for Year 2
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Last day for Year 6 parents to apply for a secondary place.</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Inset Day 3
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Owl Class start Forest School for 4 weeks: 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> November
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Hedgehog Class start Forest School: 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> November
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	<b>Year 3 to Cineworld</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 & 6 to Cineworld
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Children wear their own clothes for a donation for Elfridges or a £1 donation.</b> <b>Wreath making evening 7.00pm</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Squirrel Class start Forest School: 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov, 6 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Stone Age Day Portals-Year 3 Woodpecker Class start Forest School for 3 weeks: 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> December
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Last swimming session for Swift Class
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Elfridges at school</b>
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
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>	<b>Last day to apply for a Reception school place</b>
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
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last swimming session for Swallow Class
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Fox Class start swimming
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
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Last swimming session for Fox Class
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Badger Class start swimming
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

