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Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I can hardly believe that this is the last week before half term. The last 6 weeks seem to have flown by and the children are all happily settled into their new year groups and enjoying their learning. The children have all settled being back at school really well and all the staff are so proud of every child. I'm sure many children (and staff) are ready to re-charge their batteries before we start on the second half of the autumn term. Staff going away with children to Hindleap will certainly be ready to recharge their batteries over half term!

This week is an exciting one for all Year 6 children. Most children are setting off for a residential trip to Hindleap Warren and a few are going to stay at school for a week of different experiences. All the children will have a great time and as always huge thanks to all the staff who are going with the children. Residential trips could not happen without our amazing staff who give so much of their own time. Thank you.

## **Don't forget that Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November is an Inset day.**

### **Squid games**

I have been made aware that some of our children are talking about and might be watching clips on TikTok or Roblox showing a series on Netflix called 'Squid Games'. This isn't just in older year groups. Some children are as young as Year 2. Squid Games is a South Korean series shown on Netflix that features graphic and brutal violence based on adults playing children's games and is rated 15 by BBFC. It certainly isn't suitable viewing for primary school children. Please click on the link to read more about this.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know?fbclid=IwAR3LynRZtYVJ86SdrLdomIQacjFxDHGr1dep24DZeweuuwwmtoOwPS0rLfo>

### **Structured Conversations**

Thank you to the many parents and carers who have already signed up. When the teacher calls you the number might be blocked so please make sure you remember to pick up the phone when it rings!

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.

### **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.](#)



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Reception	Butterfly	86.07
	Ladybird	87.50
Year 1	Hedgehog	95.33
	Squirrel	91.00
Year 2	Badger	92.22
	Fox	93.10
Year 3	<b>Chaffinch</b>	<b>98.39</b>
	Robin	95.00
Year 4	Swallow	95.42
	Swift	92.80
Year 5	Heron	97.53
	Kingfisher	97.67
Year 6	Owl	97.42
	Woodpecker	93.45

**Well done to Chaffinch  
Class, again, for having the  
highest attendance last  
week.  
98.39%**

Overall School Attendance: 93.85%

### 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.

### Sporting News

Mr Harris writes:

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October our Year 5/6 boys took part in the Crawley District football tournament. Competing against 18 other local schools.

The competition was very competitive, with lots of strong sides across all the groups. St Margaret's finished 2nd in their group on goal difference behind Northgate, unfortunately not qualifying for the semi-finals.

Despite this they played very well during their 4 games, only conceding 1 goal. Well done boys!

### PTFA

**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.

Did you know we had 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>

## 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 18 <sup>th</sup> –Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 6 to Hindleap Warren
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	PTFA AGM 6.45 pm in the school hall
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
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Last day for Year 6 parents to apply to apply for a secondary place.
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
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Year 3 to Cineworld
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 & 6 to Cineworld
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Children wear their own clothes for a donation for Elfridges or a £1 donation. Wreath making evening 7.00pm
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
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Elfridges at school
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
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2022	Last day to apply for a Reception school place
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
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July-Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 4 residential to High Ashurst</b>
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