

Newsletter 1



7th September 2023

Welcome back to the new term and start of the academic year 2023/2024.

I hope you all had a good summer break - the children have certainly started back very well and school already has a busy hum about the place! In this beautiful sunshine children have enjoyed playing in the shade and keeping cool under the trees.



Learning God's Way

Class Lists for 2023-24

Below is a table giving class list information and drop off and pick up times for each year group. Years 5 and 6 will now be using the Arundel Road new entrance at the front of the school. Year 2 children can be left at the silver gates to make their own way to their class where the class teacher will greet them, rather than parents walking through the playground. A member of the Senior Leadership Team will be on the playground to scoop up any late comers.

Class	Staff	Yr Grp	Start and finish times	Class	Staff	Yr Grp	Start and finish times
Oak Teachers	Mrs Bray Mrs Reene	EYS	8.45am 3.00pm Children to be dropped off/picked up by the gates near William Older pre school	Mole Teacher Support Staff	Mrs Parris Mrs Fordham Mrs Strukelj Mrs Pelham Mrs Lane	Year 4	8.40am 3.05pm Children to enter school by the silver gates and make their own way to Year 4. Pick up from the bottom playground
Ash Teachers	Mrs Hendrick Mrs Evans			Fox Teacher Support Staff	Mr Hallam Mrs Page		
Support Staff	Mrs Carse Mrs Mason Mr Parent Mrs Lane Mr Hubert						
Chestnut Teacher Support Staff	Mrs Keates Mrs Mercalo Mrs Strukelj Miss Socratous Mrs Chambers Mr Hubert	Year 1	8.30am 3.00pm Children to be dropped off/picked up at the classroom doors by silver gates	Lewes Teacher Support Staff	Mr Smith Mrs McLelland	Year 5	8.30am 3.00pm Children to enter and exit school via the new Arundel Road entrance at the front of school
Maple Teacher Support Staff	Mrs Martin Mrs Dunn Miss Marshall			Amberley Teacher Support Staff	Mr Wyatt Mrs Partridge		
Cherry Teacher Support Staff	Mrs Hills Mrs Barber Mrs Ford	Year 2	8.40am 3.05pm Children to be dropped off at silver gate to make their own way to Year 2. Pick up is by the green gates on the bottom playground	Bramber Teacher Support Staff	Mrs Cornell Mrs Spears Mrs Chambers	Year 6	8.30am 3.00pm Children to enter and exit school via the new Arundel Road entrance at the front of school
Willow Teacher Support Staff	Miss Haywood Mrs Hartigan			Arundel Teacher Support Staff	Mr Carton Mrs Spears Mrs Chambers Mrs Bland Mrs Barber		
Badger Teacher Support Staff	Miss Joice Mrs Brown Mrs Myles	Year 3	8.40am 3.05pm Children to be dropped off/picked up by the gates near William Older pre-school				
Otter Teacher Support Staff	Miss Norcross Mrs Perry						



School Absence

Absence for any reason, please notify the school office either by phone 01903 785416 or email school@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk

May I remind you that Headteachers are NOT allowed by law to authorise absence in term time except for 'exceptional circumstances.' Children are in school for 190 days per year. Holidays in term time cannot be included as 'exceptional circumstances' except in very rare cases. As such Headteachers are not permitted to authorise such absences and the Local Authority (NOT the school) may issue a fine.

In the exceptional case where you may have to request absence from school please complete the form available on the school's website or from the school office at least one month in advance of the first date of absence.

Meet the Teachers

We would like to give parents the chance to meet your child's class teacher if you have not already done so. We will be holding informal 'Meet the Teacher' sessions next week for parents to drop in at **2.30pm** for an intro to the year, outline of the curriculum, general class routines and a chance to answer any questions.

Children will be in assembly at this time and can be collected from school at the usual time.

Thursday 14th September Years 4 - 6

Please enter school via the main school office

Friday 15th September Years 1 - 3 Please enter school through the main school office



Sickness and Diarrhoea

Our sickness policy is that any child who has been sick or had an upset tummy needs to stay at home for 48hrs from the last bout of being unwell.

Uniform

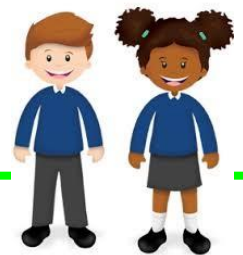
St Margaret's has a clear and reasonable school uniform policy. Uniform helps develop a sense of community in school, as well as providing a "level playing field" for all children regardless of background. We want our children to look smart, be ready for learning and have a sense of pride in their school uniform.

In line with DFE policy we try to ensure that our school uniform is **not** a financial burden to parents. We only have four items that cannot be purchased in local stores. These are our school jumpers £12.55, cardigans £13.55, PE shirt with school logo £7.49 (available from Brigade) and our school tie £4.50 elastic and £5.00 for tie up (available from Brigade but the school do have a small stock of ties).

Please see the school uniform list at the end of this newsletter.

Footwear

Children should wear appropriate footwear (shoes) for use in school. The footwear item in the uniform list below is highlighted for your particular attention.



School Clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer a greater variety of extracurricular activities this year. Please see the table attached to this newsletter and speak to your child to see if they would like to attend. Keeping active and healthy is a key part of our education. We are happy offer school run clubs free of charge. Clubs not run by St Margaret's will have a cost.



Everything that your child brings to school, including water bottles, needs to be named!



Bicycles and Scooters
When your child is out and about on a bicycle or scooter please make sure that you speak to your child about being sensible and to be aware of the traffic. We would advise helmets to be worn.
The road can be a dangerous place!



flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



Flu Immunisations –Thursday 19 October in school for all year groups (last week before half term)

A parent letter with instructions on how to complete the online consent form, to either consent or refuse this course of vaccination will be sent out later this term.



- 1. Protect your child**
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu

Flu Immunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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Library Books

To ensure smooth running of the library as far as possible children will have set days for changing their library books.

Monday: Years 6 and 2
Tuesday: Year 5
Wednesday: Year 4
Thursday: Year 3



Lost property

We are sorting out a central lost property station but in the meantime we will put some lost property items on the benches outside the staffroom/outside toilets in the lower playground



Walking Home Permission

If you have decided to give your child permission to walk home, or released by a teacher without a parent present to come and find you elsewhere in the playground, you must complete a Walking Home Permission Form on our website or email the school office, giving your permission.



Pottery Club

If your child would be interested in joining a Pottery club please contact Beth Glossop on allthingsbisgd@gmail.com for further details.



St Margaret's Church News

A very warm welcome awaits families from the school at any of our services and events that the Church offers.

Child-friendly family services take place every week on Sundays in St Margaret's Church building (at the bottom of Arundel Road) at 10am and 5pm. Each service lasts just over an hour, and the children go out to groups most weeks after 15 mins in the service. There is a creche for under 3 year olds and then groups for children aged 4-11 at the 10am. At the 5pm, there is no creche, but groups for 4 to 10 year olds and also a group of 11-13 year olds. All are very welcome to attend, whether you are used to Church, or just exploring.

If you have a child who has just started Reception, we are hosting a party for parents, your child, and any siblings on Saturday 16th September from 2-3:30pm in the Rectory, Rectory Lane, Angmering (BN16 4JU). A great way to meet one another, and to meet members of the Church community. Please let Chris Wilson, our children, youth and families minister (contact details below) if you haven't yet told us that you can come.

As from next week, Chris Wilson is running a lunchtime club (called 'Lighthouse') for years 3-4 (Wednesday 12:30 until 1 pm) and years 5-6 (Thursday 12:30 until 1 pm). We talk about bible topics explored in assembly and give kids the opportunity to explore their own faith.

If you have children in school years 5 to 8, we run a group called Adventurers. We find this balance of having older primary and younger secondary to be really helpful for building relationships and helping the younger ones prepare for secondary school. We meet during term time in St Margaret's Church hall from 7-8:15 pm on Tuesday nights with a mix of games, challenges, activities and Bible input. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Looking ahead, we are looking forward to having some Harvest themed assemblies for children from the school on Wednesday 4th October in Church. The assembly for children from school years 4,5 and 6 will start at 9:15am, and for children in years 1,2 and 3 at 10am.

Looking ahead, some dates for your diary.

Another opportunity to celebrate Harvest on Sunday 1st October in Church at 10am. On this occasion, we will worship together with everyone staying in for a child centred service.

Following on from the success of this event last year, we will holding another 'Light Party' in Church on Tuesday 31st October from 5:30-7pm – an alternative to Halloween.

Christmas – a full programme including performances of a Pantomime '*A lad in a manger*' on 9th December, a family carol service on 17th December, and Christingle services on Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day celebration are being planned. Full details including timings will be in the next newsletter.

If you would like any further information please get in touch with Chris Wilson on 07384 021183 or Mark Standen on 01903 896417.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Canon Mark Standen (Rector)



Forest School

We are extremely fortunate to have an extensive Forest School area at the top of our school field which we are keen to see being used on a regular basis.

Active outdoor learning is an essential part of children's education and helps to develop practical skills, an appreciation and understanding of the natural world, co-operation, teamwork, self-esteem and resilience.

As Forest School activities are very practical it requires a higher adult : pupil ratio so we would be grateful for parent/volunteers to help us.

This half term we will be running sessions every afternoon 1.15pm – 2.45pm except Tuesday. Please contact the school office if you would like to help with Forest School – the more the merrier!



CAN YOU HELP?



WhatsApp

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Whilst WhatsApp's minimum age is 16, statistics show that over half of those who use the app are 3 years to 17 years old. Group chats are the main concern when it comes to children under 16 years old using WhatsApp.

Why should we be concerned?

There's a risk of bullying, particularly in group chats.

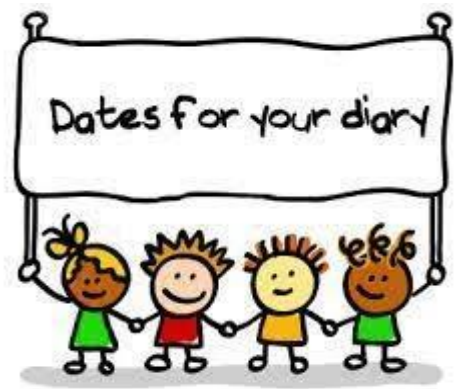
There's a risk of seeing content of a sexual nature, or showing violence and hatred.

There's a threat to safety if your child shares their live location, particularly with people they don't know in person.

They may receive spam or hoax messages.

In group chats, any users who aren't in your child's contacts can see messages they post in the group, and your child will be able to see messages they post.

We ask that you carefully monitor what your child is viewing online and that they are reminded that they must tell you if they receive anything inappropriate. We have included a guide on "The dangers of group chats and WhatsApp" to help frame these conversations (see separate attachment sent with email).



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Autumn Term 2023

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 14 th September	2.30pm	Meet the Teachers Years 4 - 6
Friday 15 th September	2.30pm	Meet the Teacher Years 1 - 3
Saturday 16 th September	2.00pm – 3.30pm	Reception Tea Party at The Rectory, St Margaret's Church, Angmering BN16 4JU
Tuesday 19 th September	All day starting at 8.30am	School Photographer taking individual and family groups in the school hall
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th September	All day	Year 6 Bikeability training for those who signed up and paid before the Summer holidays
Wednesday 4 th October	9.15am 10.00am	Years 4, 5 and 6 Harvest Festival service at St Margaret's Church (Parents invited to attend) Years 1, 2 and 3 Harvest Festival service at St Margaret's Church (Parents invited to attend)
Tuesday 10 th October	3.30pm – 6.00pm	Parents Evening
Thursday 19 th October	 4.00pm – 7.00pm	Flu Immunisation programme offered for the whole school (further details to follow) Parents Evening
Friday 20 th October	ALL DAY	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET DAY
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October		Half Term
Friday 10 th November	11.00am	Remembrance Service
Thursday 30 th November	am	Panto performing at school
Monday 11 th December	9.15am 10.00am 1.30pm	Years 4, 5 and 6 Church Service at St Margaret's Church (Parents invited to attend) Years 1, 2 and 3 Church Service at St Margaret's Church (Parents invited to attend) Year 1 and 2 Christmas play dress rehearsal to ½ school
Tuesday 12 th December	9.30am 1.30pm	Year 1 and 2 Christmas play dress rehearsal to ½ school Year 1 and 2 Christmas play to parents and carers
Wednesday 13 th December	9.30am 2.30pm 6.00pm	Year 1 and 2 Christmas play to parents and carers EYFS Christmas Nativity to parents Carol Service
Friday 15 th December		Last Day of School
First day back after Christmas is Tuesday 2 nd January 2024		

ST MARGARET'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL AND LUNCHTIME CLUBS – AUTUMN TERM 2024

Day	Club	Times	Year Group	Staff	Room/Changing Area
Monday	Rachel Reynolds Street Dance	3.05-4.10pm	Years 2/3	rachael@rachaelreynoldsdance.com 07878 161246	School Hall
	Activ8 Football Year 3 & 4	3-4pm	Years 3 and 4	www.activ8.class4kids.co.uk	Field
	Tap Dance	4.15 - 4.45pm	Years R - Year 2	www.charlottereaderdance.co.uk	Drama Studio
	Tap Dance	4.50 - 5.35pm	Years 3 - 6	www.charlottereaderdance.co.uk	Drama Studio
	Pottery Club (4 weeks only)	3.30 – 4.30pm	Years 3 - 6	allthingsbisqd@gmail.com	
	Homework Club	3-4pm	Year 6	Mr Carton and Mrs Cornell	Arundel Classroom
Tuesday	Activ8 Running Club	3-4pm	All year groups	www.activ8.class4kids.co.uk	Field
	Activ8 Multi Sports KS1 & Reception	3-4pm	KS1 & Reception	www.activ8.class4kids.co.uk	Hall
	Activ8 Musical Theatre club	8.00-8.35am	All Years	https://activ8.class4kids.co.uk	School Hall
Wednesday	Activ8 Football KS1 & Reception	3.00-4.00pm	KS1	https://activ8.class4kids.co.uk	Field
	Lighthouse Club	12.30 - 1.00pm	Years 3 and 4	Chris Wilson from St Margaret's Church	TBC
	Kids with Bricks (Lego)	3.00 - 4.00pm	Years R - 4	www.kidswithbricks.com	Bodiam Classroom
	Junior Choir	3.00 – 3.45	Years 3/4/5/6	Mr Carton	Drama Studio
Thursday	Activ8 Dance	8.00 – 8.40	All pupils welcome	https://activ8.class4kids.co.uk	Hall
	Netball	3.00 – 4.00	Years 4/5/6	Miss Norcross, Mrs Keates and Mrs Parris	Top Playground
	Football	3.00 – 4.00	Years 5/6	Mr Wyatt and Mr Hallam	School Field
	Activ8 Gym KS2	3-4pm	KS2	www.activ8.class4kids.co.uk	hall
	Musical Theatre	4.15pm - 5.00pm	Reception - Year 2	www.charlottereaderdance.co.uk	Drama Studio
	Musical Theatre	5.05 - 5.50pm	Years 3 - 6	www.charlottereaderdance.co.uk	Drama Studio
	ArtKids	3.00 - 4.00pm	Years 1 - 5	www.artkids.co.uk	Bodiam Classroom
	Art Club	3.05 - 4pm	TBC	Mrs Myles	TBC
	Friday	Activ8 Basketball Club	8.00-8.40am	KS2	https://activ8.class4kids.co.uk
Activ8 Gymnastics KS1		3.00–4.00pm	KS1	https://activ8.class4kids.co.uk	Hall
Activ8 Cheer Club All years		8-8:35am	All Years	www.activ8.class4kids.co.uk	Hall
Activ8 Tag Rugby KS2		3-4pm	KS2	www.activ8.class4kids.co.uk	Field



Contact details:- debbie@activ8forkids.co.uk 07385 690815
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HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB: We are also taking bookings for our October holiday club now. Please visit www.activ8forkids.schoolipal.co.uk to book a holiday club place. We are able to accept childcare vouchers and are Ofsted registered.



School Uniform

School jumpers, cardigans, ties and book bags can be purchased from our supplier, Brigade online <http://www.brigade.uk.com/>

Early Years:

- White polo shirt
- Grey (not charcoal) trousers/shorts/skirt/ dress
- School logo jumper/ cardigan
- Black school shoes

Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6

- White short or long sleeved shirt/ blouse
- Grey (not charcoal) trousers/shorts/skirt/ dress
- School tie
- School logo jumper/ cardigan
- Black school shoes

Girls are permitted to wear navy gingham summer dresses during the warmer months. Long hair should be tied up and bows/bands/ clips must be discreet.

P.E. Kit

- School logo PE shirt
- Navy sports or cycling shorts
- Plimsolls or white/ black trainers
- Navy jogging bottoms and navy hooded jumper for colder months.

N.B. Jewellery and ear piercings: Pupils with pierced ears may wear discreet studs to school. We would request these to be removed for PE or covered for health and safety reasons. No other jewellery should be worn.



IN THE DANCE STUDIO AT ST MARGARET'S

TAP DANCE
Mondays

4.15 - 4.45pm Reception - Year 2
4.50 - 5.35pm Year 3 +

MUSICAL THEATRE
Thursdays

4.15 - 5.00pm Reception - Year 2
5.05 - 5.50pm Year 3 +

NEW TERM STARTS 11TH SEPT

Get in touch for more info and to book a 2 week taster:












WWW.CHARLOTTEREADERDANCE.CO.UK

ACTIV8 CLUBS

Activ8 run a variety of clubs for children of all ages. There is a club for everyone!

Autumn Term Clubs

BREAKFAST AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

-  Football - Yr 3 & 4 Monday 3-4pm
-  Musical theatre - All Years Tuesday 8-8:40am
-  Multi Sports - All KS1 & Rec pupils Tuesday 3-4pm
-  Running Club - All years Tuesday 3-4pm
-  Football - Yr R, 1 & 2 Wednesday 3-4pm
-  Dance - All Years Thursday 8-8:40am
-  Gymnastics - KS2 Thursday 3-4pm
-  Basketball - All KS2 pupils Friday 8-8:40am
-  Cheer - All years Friday 8-8:40am
-  Tag Rugby - All KS2 pupils Friday 3-4pm
-  Gymnastics - KS1 Friday 3-4pm

Book online at:
www.activ8.class4kids.co.uk
Contact: debbie@activ8forkids.co.uk

ACTIV8 ALSO HAS A NEW DANCE ACADEMY STARTING TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS AND FRIDAYS
4:30-5:15PM 4-7 YEARS
5:30-6:15PM 8-11 YEARS
SEE OUR DANCE FLYER FOR MORE INFORMATION OR BOOK AT WWW.ACTIV8.CLASS4KIDS.CO.UK

DANCE4DAYZ

Activ8 for Kids

FREE TRIAL 1ST SESSION

- ★ **TUESDAY'S - MUSICAL THEATRE**
MINIS AGE 4-7 YRS 16:30-17:15
JUNIORS AGE 8-12 YRS 17:30-18:15
- ★ **WEDNESDAY'S - STREET**
MINIS AGE 4-7 YRS 16:30-17:15
JUNIORS AGE 8-12 YRS 17:30-18:15
- ★ **FRIDAY'S - JAZZ / LYRICAL**
MINIS AGE 4-7 YRS 16:30-17:15
JUNIORS AGE 8-12 YRS 17:30-18:15

<https://activ8.classforkids.io/term/153>

SCAN ME

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Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2024?

Apply online!
It's simple, convenient and time-saving. If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from **Monday 4 September 2023**. If you would like further advice or information, phone: **03330 142 903**.

Deadline: Tuesday 31 October 2023

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.



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It's been a lovely first week back and children have settled well into their classes. We look forward to seeing you at our Meet the Teacher afternoons.

Yours sincerely

Mike Jee
Headteacher

