# Newsletter 11

22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022



Learning God's Way

# **Dear Parents and Carers**

It continues to be a busy term at school and we are glad to see the Year 4 children return safely after a very active residential trip to Dalesdown. Our Year 6 children are currently away at Cobnor sailing centre and enjoying perfect weather and a good wind to help them on their way. We look forward to hearing that all of them have been successful in qualifying for their Level 1 Royal Yachting Association qualification. A huge thank you to all the staff who have given up their time to enable the Year 4 and Year 6 children to attend these two residentials.

## **Uniform**

There are a number of children who are not wearing full uniform at present. Please ensure your child wears the school uniform and in particular appropriate footwear —no boots, sliders or trainers. Children in Year 6 are a particular focus as we prepare them for the rigors of secondary school uniform requirements.

Now that the weather is hot children often take off their jumpers at lunchtime and these get lost as there are no names in them or the biro has washed off. Please note that lost property hangs outside the staffroom in the lower playground for a while. This mean they don't get claimed and we wash the items that are in good condition and sell them as second hand uniform — probably back to the original owners!! Please make sure all items are labelled to avoid unnecessary loss.

# **Sports Days**

We are looking forward to our sports days for the children and parents and carers are welcome to join us.

Infants (EY, Yr1 and Yr 2) will have their sports day in the morning on Thursday  $30^{th}$  June at 9.30am. Juniors (Yrs 3 – 6) will have a joint sports day in the morning on Friday

# School Matters!



## **Attendance**

Before the pandemic we were very proud that our attendance had gone up for the previous 4 years and had reached over 97%. Unfortunately – along with schools nationally, attendance has dropped and this is a trend that needs to be reversed.

We are especially concerned that there are several children with attendance below 90%. The DfE deems this to be persistent absence. Effectively this means that if a child's attendance was 90% for their schooling between YR and Y9 they would have lost a whole year of education. Often, parents are unaware of their child's attendance percentage. For this reason, parents of children with an attendance of less than 90% will receive an attendance letter (except for specific medical reasons) by the end of this week. This will update parents on the amount of educational days lost this year. Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding the letter.

Please also remember that headteachers are not allowed, by law, to authorise holiday absence in term time and requests for holiday absence for children with attendance below 90%, may be referred to the Local Authority Attendance

We have no way of making up lost time in school and good attendance has a direct effect on pupil outcomes. Thank you for your support in this matter.

A huge well done to Charlie Rowsell-Adams who raised the union flag at The Angmering Village Hall on 2<sup>nd</sup> June in part of the village official Jubilee celebrations.

More to follow about this in the Good News letter later this term.

If you wish to read our article in the newspaper please click the link below.

https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/news/people/angmering-schools-help-raise-special-flag-for-queens-platinum-

jubilee-3682969

# Well done Charlie





# **Class Photos**

We have our class photos next **Monday 27**<sup>th</sup> **June**. Year 6 will also have Leaver photos.

Please ensure that children are wearing the correct school uniform and that hair is neat and tidy. If it is your child's birthday on Monday please wear school uniform but bring home clothes to change in to once the class photo has been taken.



# **Work Sharing Day**

We would love to share your children's work with you.
Parents are welcome to come to school from 2pm – 4pm on
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July to have a look at work and to have an informal chat with the class teacher.



## **Class mixing**

We will be looking at the make up of some classes ready for September. This means that some classes will be mixed - this is done to ensure that classes are equal in numbers and need, and to help children to develop new friendships where appropriate. We will shortly be informing you of the classes that are to be mixed and we will of course ask children to name several friends ensuring that they have some of the children on their list in their class.

# **Absence/Sickness/Medical Appointments**

You need to ring the school on 01903 785416 or email <a href="mailto:school@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk">school@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk</a> on every day of your child's absence from school. Please do not leave a message on Tapestry, Seesaw or on the class email address. We will forward any absence messages to the class teacher. Any requests for time out of school must be made on the Absence form which can be collected from the school office.





St Margaret's CE Primary School is calling on all children to enter our first poster competition about 'Why Attendance Matters". Students are invited to submit a poster that conveys the contest theme. The top three posters will win a special treat to enjoy with their class. The winning posters will be shared in assembly and will also be posted on the school's website.

## How to Enter

All students are eligible to participate. Posters will be judged on how well they address the theme and on their creativity.

To enter the contest follow the steps below. Submissions must be received by 08/07/2022 to be eligible to win.

- 1. Pupils can create the poster in any format (e.g. paints, computer, felt tips, collage etc.) on A4 size paper.
- 2. Pupils can submit their poster by email (if created on computer) to school@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk or the school office.
- 3. Make sure the child's full name and class are on the back.
- 4. Provide a brief description of the poster, theme and idea (on the back).

## Awardŏ

Poster submissions will be voted on by a panel of judges made up of school staff. Winners will be announced in assembly (week commencing 11.07.22) and on our social media.

#### **Prizes**

First place— £20 Out of Bounds Gift Voucher for the winning pupil PLUS Cake & Film Afternoon for them and their class

Second place—Popcorn and Film Afternoon for them and their class

Third place - Extra 20 minutes play time and ice cream for them and their class.



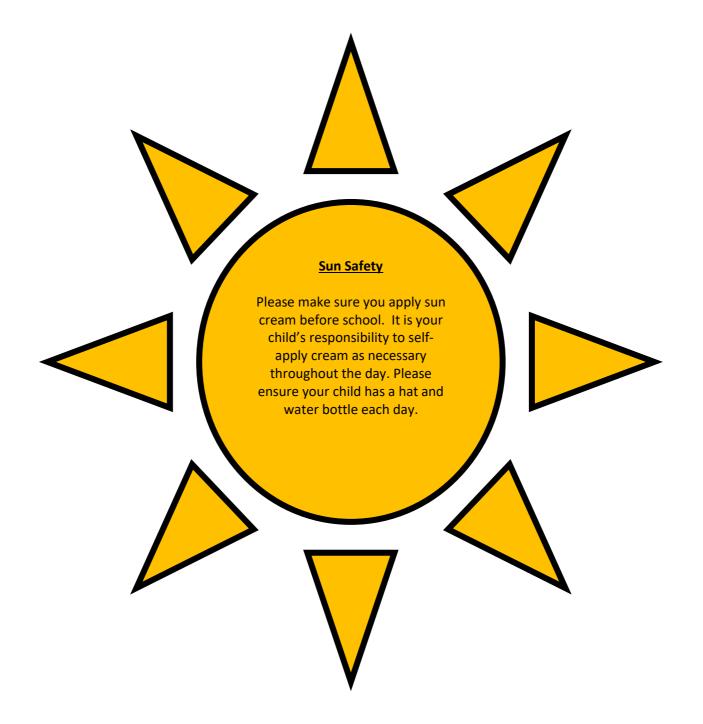
Music concert on last Wednesday of term (20th July) - time tbc.

Junior Choir and Infant Singing Club will be performing, along with a few solo performances to parents and carers.

# **Brigade School Uniform Order**

IMPORTANT SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDER INFORMATION

\*\*\* PLACE YOUR ORDER THIS WEEKEND (25/26th June)
FOR FREE DELIVERY! \*\*\*



Yours sincerely, Mike Jee Headteacher



# **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY SUMMER TERM 2022**

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	1.30 – 2.50pm	Queen's Jubilee and May Day Celebrations – Parents welcome
HALF TERM WEEK		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	3.10 – 7.00pm	PTA Summer Fayre – Circus Event
Week beginning Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> June		PTA Father's Day Gifting service
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 4 Visit to Dalesdown
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June		Year 6 Visit to Cobnor
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Am	Whole School Class Photos and Year 6 Leaver photos
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30am	Infants Sports Morning (EY, Yr and Yr2) Parents welcome
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	9.30am	Junior Sports Morning (Yrs 3 – 6) Parents welcome
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Am	Year 6 Leavers Service at Lancing College
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Am	Year 6 Transfer Day and moving classes morning
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	2 – 4.00pm	Work Sharing Day Parents welcome to come in and have a look at work and have an informal chat with class teacher
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	5.30 – 7.30pm	Year 6 Lido Party
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm	Year 6 Production Parents welcome
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm	Year 6 Production Parents welcome
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	6.30pm	Leavers Service in school for Year 6
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July		Last day of term
END OF SCHOOL YEAR		
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> September		INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STAFF TRAINING
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September		School starts for new term