

# Newsletter 8

1<sup>st</sup> February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Drop off and Pick Up Arrangements – a reminder

The building work for the Tomlin Centre is now finished!

From Monday 5th February:-

**The start of the school day is 8.40am.**

- Years 1 and 2 can come through the silver gate from 8.30am onwards **TOGETHER** ie. Year 2 do **not** need to wait until 8.40am. Year 2 can walk to class unaccompanied.
- Years 4, 5 and 6 can come through the Arundel Road Green Gates from 8.30am.
- Year 3 can come into school from 8.30am via their usual gate.
- Reception can come into school via their usual gate from 8.40am.

These arrangements allow working parents to drop off earlier and parents with children in Infants and Juniors will have less waiting time.

**All children MUST be in school by 8.40pm or they will be late.**

Years R-2 finish lessons at 3.00pm.

Years 3-6 finish lessons at 3.05pm.

Parents can come in to collect children from either gate at the end of the day.

Dates  
for your



## REMAINING INSET Days

May I remind you that the school is closed for staff training on:-

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**

## PRELOVED Uniform Sale

### Pre-loved Uniform sale

We will be selling pre-loved uniform at both our Parent Evenings next week – cash only in the school reception area.

## Attendance

Next week marks a half way point in the year and the attendance team has been looking at attendance to date. If your child's attendance is below 90% you will receive a letter informing you of that. We are aware that children can be absent for a variety of unavoidable reasons but that some parents may not be aware of just how these have accumulated. This letter is for information only. Please contact the school if you would like support with your child's attendance.

## Absence in Term Time

Headteachers are not permitted to authorise holiday in term time and any authorisation should be for "exceptional" circumstances only. Please refrain from booking holidays in term time – we cannot make up lost learning. It's a sobering thought that an attendance rate of 90% (1 days absence each fortnight) equates to a year of lost education over 10 years.

96%+

94-96%+

92-94%

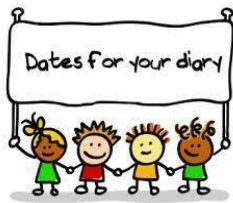
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## School Matters!



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Spring Term 2024

Date	Time	Event
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Pm	Auditions for St Margaret's Got Talent
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30 – 6.00pm	<b>Parent's Consultation Evening (Pre-Loved Uniform will be on sale – cash only)</b>
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM		
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February		INSET DAY – school closed for staff training
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	All day  4.00 – 7.00pm	Year 3 to Butser Farm  <b>Parent's Consultation Evening (Pre-Loved Uniform will be on sale – cash only)</b>
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> February	All day	Kapla Day in school for Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>All day</b>	<b>World Book Day</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	6.00 – 8.00pm	St Margaret's Got Talent
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	All week	Science week
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	All day  pm	Year 2 to Arundel Castle <b>Year 6 Tea Dance</b> Break up for Easter
First day back after Easter is Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024		

### Forest School

We are continuing our Forest School curriculum after February half term on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, to help develop both practical skills, an appreciation and understanding of the natural world, co-operation, teamwork and self-esteem.

Mr Wesley and Mrs Hartigan lead our Forest school sessions and are in desperate need of adult helpers/volunteers to help with this area of our curriculum. Could you give up an afternoon from 1.15pm – 2.45pm to help in Forest School so we can continue to offer this across the school?

Please contact the school office if you could help in the Forest School – the more the merrier!

School email:- [school@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk](mailto:school@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk)



CAN YOU HELP?



St Margaret's C.E. Primary School, Arundel Road, Angmering, West Sussex, BN16 4LP

*To develop a life-long love of learning; to grow spiritually and reflect Jesus in our words and action; to foster self-respect and love for others; to provide opportunities for ALL to flourish; to serve our community; to prepare and equip for an ever-changing world.*



### Welcome, congratulations and goodbye!

We welcome several new members of staff.

Mrs Wightman is supporting teaching in Year 5.

Mrs Gould is teaching supporting groups of children in Bodiam Class Monday – Friday mornings, covering the maternity leave of Mrs Spears.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Darby as our new Pastoral Support Manager.

I'm delighted to share the good news that Mrs Spears had a bouncing baby boy on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January weighing in at 6lb 11oz.

We are very sorry to say goodbye to Mr Wyatt at the end of this half term and wish him well in his new venture. We welcome Mrs Neylon as Amberley Class Teacher after February half term.

We have been asked to circulate this information to parents and carers:-

“Cases of measles are rising across England, including among children and young people. The symptoms of measles, along with more information about the virus, can be found on [the NHS website](#).

The Department for Education has published new advice for managing measles outbreaks, including advice for parents on what to do when they suspect their child may have measles.

Parents are advised that children with diagnosed measles should stay off nursery or school for at least 4 days from when the rash appears. More information on how to respond to rising cases of measles can be found on the [DfE Education Hub website](#).”



### Polite Reminder re: Parking

Please park with consideration in local streets. Several residents have voiced concerns at driveways being blocked and verges churned up. The staff car park must never be used in the morning as the exit gate is extremely busy up until 9.00am. Some parents have followed staff in as they have arrived for work. The area immediately outside the school is not a drop off or parking area. Please do not drop off or park in the no parking zone by the school patrol crossing area or by the bushes immediately outside the school. **This is extremely dangerous to our school community.**

Thank you for your co-operation.

### Reminder

Please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance if you wish to discuss education or pastoral matters.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Jee  
Headteacher

**Important –  
please take note**



**Comic Relief:**

Help us raise lots of money by encouraging your dads, grandads, step-dads, uncles etc to get out of their comfort zones and join us for a fun dance class in aid of Comic Relief. Spectators are welcome!

Contact Charlotte Reader Dance for more info and to get signed up!

[www.charlottereaderdance.co.uk](http://www.charlottereaderdance.co.uk)



**DADS DANCING FOR COMIC RELIEF**

Invite the men in your life to join us for an evening of dancing and raising money for a great cause!

**THURSDAY 14TH MARCH**  
7pm  
St Margaret's Primary School,  
Angmering

[WWW.CHARLOTTEREADERDANCE.CO.UK](http://WWW.CHARLOTTEREADERDANCE.CO.UK)



Chartwells Schools  
**HAPPY EASTER**

Easter Treat  
Thursday 28th March  
Order now on parentpay.com

**MAINS**  
Beef Burger  
Veggie Bolognese  
Jacket Potato & Baked Beans

**SIDES**  
Rainbow vegetables or Salad

**DESSERT**  
Lemon Easter Cupcake

Scan QR code to order  
No later than Thursday 14th March  
\*Special diets will remain in place.



HALF-TERM DANCE WORKSHOP

**Barbie**

THURSDAY 15TH FEB  
ANGMERING VILLAGE HALL  
Year 2-4 .... 9.30-10.30am  
Year 5+ .... 10.30-11.30am

With Emma Nightingale

£8.50 per child

[WWW.CHARLOTTEREADERDANCE.CO.UK](http://WWW.CHARLOTTEREADERDANCE.CO.UK)

**Barbie Workshop:**

Charlotte Reader Dance have a fantastic half-term workshop. For all you budding Barbie's and Ken's, we're very lucky to have a professional dancer, Emma Nightingale, coming to visit us to teach us some choreography from the film (adapted to be suitable for each age group) which Emma appeared in as a dancer! The workshops are open to anyone, not just CRD members so we hope to see lots of you there!

To book your child's space and find out more about Emma please visit <https://www.charlottereaderdance.co.uk/dance-daysworkshops>.



Activ8 for Kids

Age groups: 4-13

**ACTIV8 FOR KIDS**

Ofsted Sports/Multi Activity

**CAMP** February Half Term 12th-16th

LOCATION: St Margaret's School, Angmering

TIMINGS: Mon-Fri 8:30-4pm, half days/ late pickup available

WE OFFER: Football, dodgeball, rounders, tag-rugby, plus many more. Creative activities such as dance, gymnastics and musical theatre. Not forgetting daily art/crafts!

BOOK HERE: <https://activ8forkids.ipalbookings.com>

**RUSTINGTON MUSEUM**

**FREE EVENT**

**Valentine's Day and Spring crafts**

**Tues 13 & Thurs 15 February**

Drop-In between 10am - 1pm

**SEND Weds 14 February**

10am - 1pm

(booking required for the SEND Sessions)

Tel: 01903 788478

[museum@rustingtonpc.org](mailto:museum@rustingtonpc.org)

