

Newsletter 8

18th March 2022

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Note

Dear Parents/Carers,
It has been a busy week at St Margaret's. Please read this newsletter carefully for some important information.

Staff Training Day

May I remind you that the school is closed for staff training (INSET) on Thursday 31st March when teachers will be working with a curriculum consultant looking at developing our curriculum for children from Early Years to Year 6.

Recent School Closures

Apologies for the recent two consecutive Friday school closures. We were one of the few schools open during storm Eunice and intended to be for the whole of the day - keeping the children inside for their safety. However, we received a request mid morning from the council that all schools close and the decision was taken out of our hands. The following week's power cut in Angmering was a challenge as unlike different parts of the village (eg St Wilfrid's School power was back on at 9.30am) we did not have power or heating back by 11.00am and ultimately felt that parents needed to know one way or another.

As a school we close only if absolutely necessary and only on grounds of safety. Our stance is that in times of inclement weather (eg. snow etc) we are open and let staff and parents make the decision as to whether they feel it is safe to travel to school. This may lead to a reduced curriculum timetable. We recognise that school closures pose a real challenge for working parents and governors will and always do all they can for the continuity of children's education.



COVID

We have a lot of children absent with Covid at present. Please ensure that if your child feels unwell you give them a lateral flow test and follow the government's recommendations. As a school we would like you to keep your child at home until you have had two negative lateral flow tests on two consecutive days (after day 5).

We also have a fairly high number of staff absent with Covid so please be patient if your child has a different teacher than normal. It is almost impossible to get a supply teacher at present so we are working hard to ensure that children have as much continuity as possible. We will be providing home-learning for those children who feel well enough to study at home. Please see the website for this or contact your child's class teacher for assistance.

HOUSE POINTS

House points totals

so far:-

Green 964

Yellow 892

Blue 690

Red 683

Children from the winning house will be able to wear their own clothes for the last week of term!



Social Media

We are dealing with a considerable number of behaviour issues as a result of messages sent out of school on group chats via social media. Whilst this is an out of school issue, the children bring their concerns to school the next day. We often send parents information regarding safe use of social media and digital applications and would ask that ALL parents closely monitor children's use of Apps such as Snapchat and Whatsapp.

Please note that the school will take a firm stance on any form of cyberbullying (outside of school) as this effects children's behaviour *in school* and especially their learning and wellbeing. It is very important that parents and school work together to keep children safe.

I look forward to discussing this further with you at the Parents' /Carers' Forum on Zoom on Thursday April 7th at 7.00pm. An invite will be sent nearer the time. ALL WELCOME!!

Absence in Term Time

Please remember that Headteachers are not, by law, able to authorise absence from school except in **exceptional circumstances**. Holiday in term time is almost never authorised and requests due to parents having limited leave-time should be accompanied by an employer's letter. This is standard practice in most schools.

We need to make the most of every opportunity to make up for the lost learning over the past two years.



Home learning due to COVID

If your child is absence/self isolating due to Covid, please remember that we provide home learning via our website.



New Cohort names

For administration purposes we have decided, going forward, each intake will be given a Cohort name. This name will stay with them through their time at St Margaret's regardless of which year they move in to. For your information the Cohort Year Group names currently are:-

Early Years	Poland
Year 1	Australia
Year 2	Turkey
Year 3	Italy
Year 4	Japan
Year 5	Kenya
Year 6	Norway

As an example, if your child is currently in Year 3 they are part of the Italy Cohort. They will stay part of the Italy Cohort all the way through to the end of Year 6 when they leave St Margaret's.



Illness

Illness absence **MUST** be phoned in or emailed to school@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk on the first day of absence. If the illness carries on in to the next week please call again on the following Monday to give us an update. Informing the class teacher is **NOT** the correct procedure. Office opening time are 8.30am – 4.00pm

In the Angmering 22 Commonwealth Games, we are competing as AUSTRALIA.
The remaining events your child can enter are:-



KS1 NEW AGE KURLING	MON 21.03.22	To enter complete form HERE
KS1 4-SQUARE FESTIVAL	MON 28.03.22	To enter complete form HERE
Y5/6 DODGEBALL	WED 30.03.22	To enter complete form HERE
KS1 MULTI-SKILLS	MON 04.04.22	To enter complete form HERE

Jubilee Garden Competition

We have been granted some money from the Angmering Parish Council to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and will be asking the children to design a small garden for the front of the school by the new entrance. Please look out for further details in due course.



Pottery and Glass

It was lovely to show parents and carers the children's pottery and glass work last week. The children excelled with their ideas and there are some lovely examples of their work in the glass display cabinets in our new foyer. Many thanks to Bethany Glossop - our artist in residence for the week. Year R and Year 1 made some beautiful hands and hearts and they will be on display in school too.

Please look out for our glass school logo and values that were designed by our able artists in the Juniors and created by local glass artist Siobhan Jones from Ashes With Art in Worthing. Siobhan worked with each class during the week. The wonderful glasswork will be unveiled next week and will hang opposite the new school office.



Reading

It's lovely to see so many children making fantastic progress with their reading. This works best as a home/school partnership. Please continue to share books with your child at home and talk about the books they are reading. Please sign the reading diaries regularly and feel free to make any comments about your child's reading in them.



St Margaret's Got Talent

Friday 6th May 2022

6.00pm – 8.00pm



Tuesday 26th April



Are you in Year 2 - Year 6 and interested in performing?
Would you like to enter St Margaret's Got Talent either on
your own or in a group?

To enter* please complete the Application Form 2022
HERE <https://forms.gle/fNrNuyANfiG3chUW8>

(also on the school website) by Wednesday 30th March.

Once your application has been completed you will receive
a payment request via ParentMail for the fee of £1.25 (per
person)

Successful applicants will be notified by Thursday 28th April

**All children within a group act must complete a separate application
form and pay the fee*



Pottery Club

Pottery Club (after school on Mondays and Tuesdays) has been very successful this half term. We are continuing after Easter and already have a waiting list.

If you would like to find out more information, please contact allthingsbisqd@gmail.com



Message from St Margaret's Church

Members of the school and their families are most welcome to come to our child-friendly services at 10am or 5pm **every** Sunday.

This coming Sunday is a **special** Sunday for us, as we extend a warm invitation to people throughout the community to hear about 'The best news in the world'. There's so much sadness and worry in our world today - with the pandemic, Ukraine, and rising household bills expected throughout the year – we want to cast aside the gloom and focus on what God has done for us, and what he offers us in Jesus.

Does that sound good? Come and join us at 10am or 5pm. There are groups for children from 3-11 at both services and a crèche for under 3s at the 10am.

Hope to see you there
Canon Mark Standen
Rector

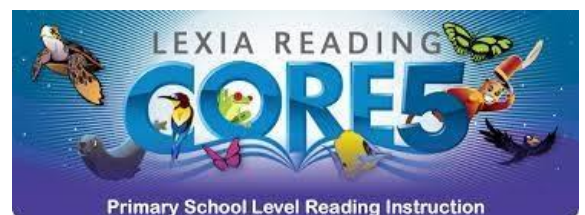


We have heard about children messing about in the road on the way home. Just a reminder about walking sensibly and safely to and from school.



The Green Cross Code

1. Find a safe place to cross
2. Stop just before you get to the kerb
3. Look all around for traffic and listen
4. If traffic is coming, let it pass
5. When it is safe, go straight across the road – do not run, keep looking and listening while you cross



Lexia

If children are signed up for Lexia please can you make sure this is being used at home as well as in school. Currently we have 50 licences for children, and it is important that they are fully used.



Would you like to have singing lessons?

Starting from the summer term, we will be offering 1:1 lessons for children in Years 2 to 6.

Lessons will be during the school day with a professional singing teacher.

£8 per 20 minute lesson
or
£12.50 per 30 minute lesson



If you are interested please click this link to fill out the online form:
<https://forms.gle/hw7vtdhKxHKKvig79>

HEDGEHOG HIGHWAYS

IN AID
OF
WADARS



HEDGEHOGS NEED YOUR HELP!

We need neighbours to work together in their gardens and greenspaces to help save this much-loved animal by creating hedgehog highways for them to use to get from garden to garden.

SATURDAY 2ND APRIL | 10:00 – 13:00

Angmering Parish Council Office, Corner House Office,
The Square, Angmering, West Sussex BN16 4EA

Pop in to learn about:

- Hedgehog highways
- Tips on making your garden safe for hedgehogs
- Wildlife features such as log piles, leaf piles and compost heaps

Please bring along a can of dog or cat food (meat only, no fish) in exchange for a hedgehog highway. All donations will be given to WADARS



Wadars is a registered
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Yours sincerely,
Mike Jee
Headteacher