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Newsletter 8

Learning God's Way

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's Friday!!

If like me and all the teachers and staff you are getting fed up with lockdown, let me reassure you that you are NOT alone!!

However, having spoken to many of you at the parents' forum and seen the children's lessons and work, you are doing an amazing job – well done and thank you.

A bit like facebook, where everyone else seems to be having a great life – please do NOT think that everyone is doing a better job than you with their child's learning!! We are all in this together, it's NOT a competition, and teachers and school leaders are looking closely at what the children are doing each week in order to assess and plan accordingly.

Please also be assured that when children return to school we have a host of plans in place to ensure that St Margaret's children have *every* opportunity to catch up and plug knowledge gaps where needed.

Please take time each day to get outside – wind or rain, cook, chill, watch a film together, play games, build dens, walk in the woods and have fun.

Some reminders:

- If your child needs access to a laptop or I-pad, please let the school know as we have some in stock to lend to families
- If you are having any technical difficulties please email our tech helpline at hitechsupport@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk and we will call you back very shortly to help with getting online etc



A Marathon Achievement

A huge well done to Jacob in Year 5 for his amazing Marathon run totalling 26.2 miles in aid of cancer Research and in memory of his grandad.

A fantastic achievement Jacob and well done for raising over £500 for the charity. Well done Jacob!

IMPORTANT

Important Dates

We have two more weeks of this half term. Please note that on **Monday 8th February** most children will have a slightly different working day, as we introduce them to some new Google Classroom layouts. In the afternoon all teachers will be **unavailable** as they will be receiving training for live lessons.

Please note also that we will be having an **INSET** day on **Friday 12th February** (the day before half term) in order for staff to have training on areas discussed at our parents forum.

West Sussex Contest
Sumdog Results: January 2021

230 classes entered

22nd Mrs Cornell's group
24th Amberley Class
42nd Mrs Spears' group
53rd Mrs Parris and Ms Dark's group
57th Lewes Class



2,014 students played

14th Aleyna P, Mrs Cornell's group
19th Ellie B, Lewes Class
24th Lauren, Mrs Cornell's group
31st Freya, Lewes Class
43rd Eve, Mrs Cornell's group

A big well done to these children who answered all 1000 questions:

Year 5: Ellie B, Freya A, Emma B, Charlie A, Charlie R, Jacob W,
Megan F, Charlie K, Arthur H, Riley G, James B

Year 6: Annabelle P, Brandon, Harvey, Aleyna, Lauren, Eve, Charli,
Lunah, Bertie, Ollie, Danny and Milo



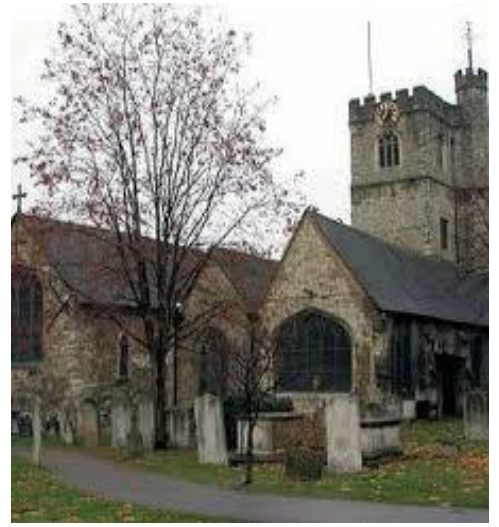
Library Loans

It has been good to see parents using our book loan facility. Please remember that children in the Juniors can reserve books online and we will have them ready in a named envelope for you to collect in the school porch. Infant children's books are also available from the school porch. Please put all returns in the returns box for us to clean and quarantine.

Reading is the KEY that unlocks learning!!!

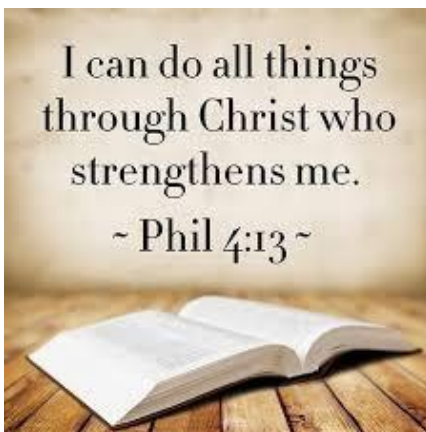
Church assemblies

Matt and Ben will be uploading assemblies each week for the children to watch. They will go on to our website and can be found in the Prayer Space page. Please take time to watch these as a family as we start our run up to Easter.



Live lessons

Please take another look at the live lesson tips in last week's newsletter. We want to ensure that children understand that school goes on (just in a different way) to keep the learning on track. Please remind the children of the live lesson etiquette we expect!!



End of day collection

After half term, children in school who are in Years 2, 3 and 4 can be collected **5 minutes earlier at 3.05pm**. This will still allow for social distancing but avoids the 10 minute wait for those parents who have siblings in other years who leave at 3.00pm.

I hope all our families have a restful and peaceful weekend.

Yours sincerely

Mike Jee

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