

Newsletter 9

6th April 2022



Learning God's Way

Dear Parents and carers

As we come to the end of a busy term, I have a few notices and reminders.

A Big Thank You

Our blue and yellow day to raise money for Ukrainian refugees raised a staggering £750.00. We were able to purchase a generator, which went out to Ukraine the following day and have plans in place to provide welcome packs for the children and young people who will be coming to Angmering soon.

With regards the war in Ukraine, we have adopted a neutral line in school assemblies – such matters are very complicated – instead we have focussed on our responsibility to help others in need and helped the children think about ways that would support children in times of conflict.

We look forward to writing with further news of the children's gifts to those we are welcoming in due course.



HOUSE POINTS

Well done Green house for winning the house points challenge this half term.

Covid update

Below is the latest advice from the DfE:-
If your child has a positive test for Covid. I will let you know if there are further updates from the DfE in due course.

Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result, they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

DfE 1st April 2022

Please be aware that online learning is available if your child is absent due to Covid. Please see the school's website for subject areas and activities the children can do at home.

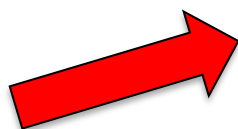
Staffing

We have had a consistent number of staff absent with Covid this term and this has proved really challenging virtually every day!!

This is especially so when staff with responsibility for specific children are absent or if class teachers prove positive. It is not possible to get a supply teacher without plenty of advanced booking as all schools are experiencing unprecedented absence.

We have been fortunate to call on staff (who are normally part time) to work extra days and also use teaching staff who have not been allocated to a class. This has helped with continuity for the children which is our first concern. Thank you for your patience this term – especially where absence has been protracted or arrangements have been changed at short notice.

I refuse to let my optimism for the summer term be dented!!



Parents' Forum

There is a Parents Forum meeting via Zoom on Thursday of this week. Following a long period of challenge for the children, it would be helpful to talk about educational progress, enabling catch up for children with gaps in learning and the school's approach to behaviour. As usual there will be a chance for Q and A. All parents are very welcome to join the meeting which starts at 7pm. A meeting code will be sent out on Thursday morning.



Jubilee Bank Holiday

West Sussex term dates for this academic year have been amended to take account of the extra bank holiday in June for Her Majesty The Queen's 70th Jubilee. This extra holiday falls within half term week, therefore the academic year will finish a day earlier to compensate for this, on **Thursday 21st July 2022**.

Buildings update

I am glad to say the new foyer is complete and we look forward to making a Jubilee Garden (designed by the children!) on the grass next to the sliding doors. We are looking forward to having our glass artwork designed by the children installed this week. The piece, designed during our art and pottery week, has been made by local artist Siobhan Jones and shows the children's pictorial designs for our six school values.

The ground works along the side of the school have also been completed and the heavy plant has finally been taken off site.

The field is now open again and we have three football pitches at the top of the field ready for the children to use each day. The Daily Mile track is also back in use so we will be encouraging lots of sport and fresh air over the summer.



KS2 Angmering Mile

Tuesday 26th April

Sign up on our website

<https://forms.gle/kgudCC2mW44jZbeJ9>

**SIGN UP
NOW!**



REMINDER

Junior Choir are holding a concert this Thursday at 3.30pm for parents and carers.



Jubilee Celebration

To commemorate the Queen's Jubilee, we will be combining our Mayday celebrations with some royal celebrations on Friday 27th May. Parents will be invited to join us on the field, weather permitting. Please add this date to your diaries.



Sumdog Results March 2022...

201 classes entered
10th Mrs Cornell's group
15th Mrs Parris and Ms Dark's group
42nd Lewes Class
58th Amberley Class

1,908 Students played
9th Ellie B, Mrs Cornell's group
37th Emily C, Mrs Cornell's group
47th Emma B, Mrs Cornell's group

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

Year 5: Arlo B, Skye, Scarlett, Isabella

Year 6: Ellie B, Emily C, Emma B, Olivia L and Charlie



Easter Holidays at Littlehampton Museum – FREE

Find all the vintage Easter images hidden in the Museum to win a mini chocolate egg! Trail sheets can be collected from the Reception Desk



Farewell to Mrs Broomhead

At the end of this week, we say farewell to Mrs Broomhead who has taught here at St Margaret's for the past eight years. We thank her for her contribution to the school and wish her well in her new teaching role.




St Margaret's
CHURCH

EPIC
explorers

HOLIDAY
CLUB

**Mon 25th July
- Fri 30th Jul,
9-11.30
£5 for the
whole week**

**Open to:
Reception
- Year 6**

**outdoor games,
treasure hunt,
story telling,
crafts,
Interactive
games, morning
snack**

**Limited spaces. To book your space head to
<https://www.stmargaretsangmering.church/>**

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WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

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Advice for Parents & Carers

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Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

Coylie Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



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get creative!

FREE Art session for children
and young people with SEND
Easter holidays
Tues 19th April 2pm 'til 4pm
@Worthing Library
Booking essential
Contact
rachel.sadler@westsussex.gov.uk



Thursday 14th April
12.30-2pm
Shoreham Rehoming Centre
Brighton Road, BN43 5LT



Fun for kids
With Dogs Trust!



Join Dogs Trust for an afternoon of fun, informative activities, whilst learning all about safe behaviour around dogs and being a responsible dog owner!
Children aged 5-12 years welcome- adults must attend
The activity is FREE but to book please email steph.butler@dogstrust.org.uk with your child's age and a contact telephone number.
No real dogs will be in attendance at this event.

 learnwithdogstrust.org.uk  [dogstrusteducationteam](https://www.facebook.com/dogstrusteducationteam)  [DT_Educ](https://twitter.com/DT_Educ)

Wednesday 13th April
2.30-4pm
Maybridge Keystone Centre,
Raleigh Way, Worthing BN12 6JD



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Friday

KS1 Easter Bonnet and KS2 Easter Cake competition this Friday

Are you in KS1? Don't forget to enter our Easter Bonnet competition

Are you in KS2 children can enter our Easter Cake competition



Pay on ParentMail to enter (see letter on website)



Winners receive Out of Bounds vouchers and runners up receive chocolate eggs.

And finally, a big thank you for all your help this term with trips, reading and various events.
All at St Margaret's wish you a very happy and restful Easter.

Yours sincerely,
Mike Jee
Headteacher

Praise be to the God and
Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ! In his great mercy
he has given us new birth
into a living hope through
the resurrection of Jesus
Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3



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