

Newsletter 9

14th March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

You may be aware that there is a national drive to raise attendance at schools to pre-covid levels. At the primary level, 85% of children with full attendance reach the expected levels at the end of Year 6 compared to 40% if attendance is below 90%. This huge gap explains our desire to have children in school with good attendance.

We are not under pressure from the government nor the LA to raise attendance levels, we just understand that as a school it is SO key to good educational outcomes for all our children. Thank you to the many families that do all they can to ensure good attendance for their child – we really appreciate your efforts!

Below are the legal reasons why a child may not attend school between 5 and 16.

- Your child is too ill to attend.
- You have asked in advance and been given permission by the school for your child to be absent on a specific day due to exceptional circumstances.
- Your child cannot go to school on a specific day because they are observing a religious event.
- Your local authority is responsible for arranging your child's transport to school and it's not available or has not been provided yet.
- Your child does not have a permanent address and you are required to travel for work. This exception only applies if your child attends their usual school or another school where you are staying as often as possible. This must be 200 half days or more a year if they are aged 6 or older.

For this reason Headteachers are *not allowed* to authorise holiday in term time and in some cases the Local Authority may fine parents if children are taken out of school. The school has no say or influence in this matter nor does it gain financially.

The school does send a letter to let parents know that they may receive a fine using the standard letter issued to schools. It would be helpful to the school for parents who wish to query this correspondence, to do so directly to school, rather than on social media where we will be happy to explain the procedure.

Dates
for your



REMAINING INSET Days

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

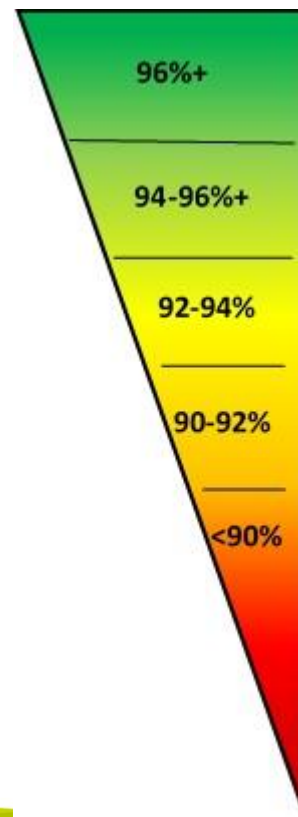
Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

welcome
TO THE
TEAM

Welcome!

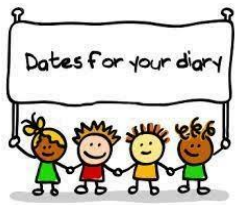
We welcome Mrs Stevens who is a new INA supporting children in the new Tomlin Centre.



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – Spring Term 2024

Date	Time	Event
Friday 15 th March	All day pm	Early Years Farm Day in school Rocksteady concert (participating children only)
Friday 22 nd March	pm 1.35pm 2.20pm	Year 4 Music performances to parents Mole Class Fox Class
Tuesday 26 th March	6.00pm	Year 3 and 4 play to parents/carers
Wednesday 27 th March	9.15am 10.00am	Easter Service at St Margaret's Church – parents/carers welcome Easter Service at St Margaret's Church – parents/carers welcome
Thursday 28 th March	All day 9.30am 1.30pm	Year 2 to Arundel Castle Year 3 and 4 play to parents/carers Year 6 Tea Dance Break up for Easter
First day back after Easter is Monday 15 th April 2024		

St Margaret's Church

Booking for Holiday Club 2024 is now live. The theme this year will be 'Wacky Wilderness' with a focus on Moses, with an overarching message of seeking a better life. We will be immersing children in cowboy and cowgirl activities and very much encourage dressing up. We will be meeting from 9.00 – 11.30 between Tuesday July 23rd and Friday July 26th. There will also be an all age Holiday Club Service on Sunday July 28th at 10am. Please sign up using the link below. Spaces are limited.

<https://stmargaretsangmering.churchsuite.com/events/zdnlp5ez>

We hope to see you there. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us chriswilson@angmering.org.uk or call the church office on 01903 784459.

You are also very welcome to attend any of the Easter Services that we are holding over the Easter weekend.

WANTED

JOIN US FOR WACKY WILDERNESS

TUES 23RD JUL - FRI 26TH JUL, 9AM - 11.30AM

AGES RECEPTION - YEAR 6

Games, bible stories, crafts, interactive games, snacks. £5. Limited spaces. Sign up via our website See below.

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JESUS THE WAY TO HEAVEN

← HEAVEN

ALL AGE FAMILY SERVICES

Palm Sunday 24th March 10am
Jesus comes to open the way

Good Friday 29th March 10am
Jesus clears the way

Easter Sunday 31st March 10am
Way open!

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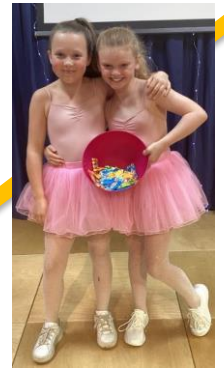
ST MARGARET'S GOT TALENT

St Margaret's Got Talent Winners 2024
Congratulations to all the children who took part. We had a wonderful evening of entertainment from our talented children. It takes a huge amount of courage to stand up and perform in front of so many faces so all credit to the children. The teachers were very proud of you!

1st Maja K (Badger Class) playing "Prelude" by JS Bach on the piano

2nd Karoline H (Arundel Class) with a Latin American Cha-cha-cha dance

3rd Dexter B (Arundel Class) – Drumming along to "Dancing in the Moonlight" "





Uniform

We are not far from the summer term and I would like to remind you of the school uniform for the long sunny days that will surely come (ever optimistic!).

Girls

Charcoal grey skirt, white blouse and tie
Or Navy checked dress
White socks and black shoes

Boys

Charcoal grey shorts, white shirt and tie
Grey socks and black shoes

No trainers

It would be very helpful for Year 6 children to make every effort to wear the correct uniform in preparation for moving on to the secondary school, which I am sure you will know, have a very strict uniform policy.

Don't forget to order uniform with Brigade direct or by using the link on our website

www.brigade.uk.com

Your Child's Absence due to illness, appointments or early pick up from school

Please can you email the school office school@stmargaretsprimary.org.uk or ring on 01903 785416 if your child is off school due to illness or is being picked up early for an appointment.



Polite Reminder

Please do not park on the double yellow lines outside the school or on the corner of Arundel Road and Palmer Road. There have been a couple of near misses because of cars obstructing the view of traffic coming up and down the road. Think carefully before parking in and around the school site and always park with care and caution.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Jee
Headteacher

Dogs on the school site

Please remember that dogs are not allowed on the school site, even if they are being carried.





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Angmering After School Club

To Book Your Free
Place and
For more information
contact Becca
07747 481360

Wednesday 27th March
3.30 - 5.30 pm
St Margaret's Church Hall
St Margaret's Church, Arundel Road
Angmering BN16 4JS



Ready Steady Cook For Kids



Come and whizz up some fabulous family meals
in our Ready Steady Cook Session.

All families welcome
Preschool - 11 years



Enjoy quality time with your child



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