



Learning God's Way

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have (almost!) made it to the end of the school year. It has been an absolute privilege to join the St Margaret's family this term and it has been great getting to know you all. I am excited to work together to ensure every child is able to shine and achieve their God-given potential at our amazing school. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to what the new year will hold come September.

This Week at St Margaret's

- We welcomed all of our volunteers into school this week for a summer tea party to say a big thank you for all their time and effort they generously give to our children and school.
 - Don't forget we have ice-cream vans in the playground after school today.
 - Our Year 6 children performed amazingly well to parents on Monday evening for their Year 6 production, and Tuesday's Leaver's Assembly was a lovely way to mark the end of their time with us at St Margaret's.
 - We say a fond farewell to Mrs Gibbs, Mrs Cragg, Mrs Lee and Mrs Cornell this week. We thank them for their hard-work and service to the school and will miss them all a lot! A special mention to Mrs Cornell, who retires after 50 years of teaching. A true inspiration!
 - **Attachments** – how to get in touch with the IFD if you have a safeguarding concern, staying safe around water.
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Looking Ahead to Next ~~Week~~ term!

- School starts back on **Thursday 4th September**.
- Please see attached a **letter about exciting changes to our lunch times next year from Miss Norcross!**
- **Meet the teacher session – Y4, Y5 and Y6 on Thursday 18th September 2:30pm-2:50pm and Y1, Y2 and Y3 on Friday 19th September 2:30-2:50pm.** If you are unable to make it, please don't worry. We will send out Powerpoint slides, and if you have questions for teachers do just get in touch.
- Please help to keep everybody safe and to respect our school neighbours by not parking over driveways, or in dangerous places such as the corner of junctions. Please can I also remind you that private roads – such as Starling View at the top of Arundel Road should not be used for parking, turning or waiting. Thank you for your understanding.

NEW DROP OFF ARRANGEMENTS FROM SEPTEMBER:

Thank you for the feedback in the parent survey – many of you raised issues around drop-off arrangements in the morning and we have planned to change this from September to improve it.

Please read the following information carefully. We may need to make tweaks to this as we go but we will start with this plan and see how it goes.

Drop off arrangements in the morning:

Gates (both pedestrian and main playground gates) will open at 8:20am to children and parents/carers – children are still parents' responsibility at this time.

Children from the Tomlin Centre – Continue with usual agreed pick up and drop arrangements that have been made with Mr Dunstone.

Reception children and parents to head to the top playground (through the green gates to the right-hand side of the playground) and wait outside the Reception outdoor area. Teachers will open doors at 8:30 and close at 8:40.

Year 1 children and parents – Head to outside the Year 1 classrooms. Doors will open at 8:30am and close at 8:40am

Year 2 children and parents - Head to outside the Year 2 classrooms. Doors will open at 8:30am and close at 8:40am

Year 3 children and parents - to head to the far end of the top playground. Teachers will meet children here at 8:30 and doors close at 8:40.

Year 4, 5, 6 – Existing arrangements of children waiting on the playground and class teachers will come to collect children from the playground at 8:30.

Parents/carers who have dropped their children off at classrooms will need to leave the site **by 8:45** so the playground gates can be locked for safety reasons as school will be in session.

Pick up arrangements in the afternoon:

No change to current arrangements – **Reception and Year 3** to be collected by the gate next to the William Older Playgroup. We are making the space outside the front of school a designated waiting space with some benches and planters, so there will be no cars parked in this area.

Please supervise children carefully when leaving the school site.

Year 1 to be collected from outside the classrooms.

All other year groups to be collected from the playground as per usual arrangements.

Thank you once again for your support - have a great summer.

Best wishes,
Mr. Lumley
Headteacher