



## WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

### ST MARGARET'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We have been using a website called Sumdog at St. Margaret's for many years now. Sumdog is an online education game-based learning program aimed to help students develop their numeracy skills. It motivates students by adapting to each child's level, while offering a fun learning tool. The children are able to play many games, earning virtual coins to motivate them, with on screen rewards offered.

Each child has their own username and password to access Sumdog, and to help remember these, we have made these the same as their login details for their gmail account.

Every term Sumdog holds a contest in West Sussex where the children are given 1000 questions to answer over a week, matched to their ability level. The children can then compete against their class friends, other classes in the school and county. In previous years, the children at St Margaret's have done extremely well. We have just completed our first contest of these academic year and, again, the children have blown us away with their achievements!

In the past we have used a free login to access Sumdog. However, due to a reduction in the number of games available on this login, we have now paid for all children in years five and six to have a full maths subscription to the website for the year.

Class teachers will ask the children to access Sumdog this year as part of their home learning activities as we are able to monitor how well the children are doing with their maths skills and give feedback on areas to develop. This is particularly useful for times tables recall which is a vital key to all areas of maths.

Please ask your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding Sumdog.

We hope that your child enjoys using Sumdog this year and can take full advantage of their log in.

With many thanks,

The Year 5 and 6 team