

NEWSLETTER

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LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

3rd October 2023

Dear Parents,

It has been lovely walking around school, popping into classes and seeing how smart the children are and how well they have settled back into their routines. Over the past few weeks, I have spent some time in Reception, getting to know all the children and I am feeling proud that I have managed to learn all of their names!

Last Friday, we held our welcome service for Reception class and new children who have joined years 1, 2, 3, and 6. I hope your child's time at St Margaret's is a happy and memorable one.

Towards the end of this newsletter are key dates for this term. Please do pop them all in your diary so you do not miss workshops, parents evening, Christmas productions, Christingle service, Christmas fayre and much more.

Kind Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mrs Shepherd'.

Mrs Shepherd

Attendance:

5th September – 29th September 2023 - 97.5%

Wellies:

Please can I ask that your child has a pair of wellies in school so they are able to play on the field



We have had an increasing number of children come into school with fruit juice/squash in their bottles. Children can only drink water during the day. The exception is at lunchtime where they can have fruit juice/squash. If your child brings juice in their water bottle, they will be provided with a cup of water.

If your child has a food allergy that may result in anaphylaxis it is **vital** that you have informed the school office and that we have any medications required in school.

Food intolerances should also be reported to the school office, so that a note can be placed on your child's record. However, all of our menus with a full ingredients and allergen lists are available on the website/app, under the 'parents' tab. It is your responsibility to ensure the meals booked for your child are suitable for their dietary requirements.



Food Allergy? Ask before you eat...

Management advises that food prepared here may contain or have come in contact with peanuts, tree nuts, soybeans, milk, eggs, wheat, shellfish or fish



Please ask a member of staff about the ingredients in your meal before placing your order. Thank you

food.gov.uk/allergy

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Harvest generosity.

Thank you very much for your Harvest donations. The donations will most certainly go towards providing hot meals to many needy families.

School Trips.

In the first four weeks of the autumn term many classes have been out and about on their field study. Year six have been to Birmingham, Year 5 completed their fieldwork studies on top of Clent and also enjoyed a day at RAF Cosford, experiencing many STEM workshops. Year 4 have been on their residential and completed their fieldwork around the local area. Year 3 spend half a day at Woodgate, studying rivers.

There are many other trips arranged across the school year for all year groups.

Extra-Curricular Clubs.

Across the week, school offers a variety of clubs that run for six week blocks. Most of the clubs are run by school staff who generously give up their own time. There are still spaces available in some of the clubs. The list below has a limited number of spaces available. If your child would like to attend, please contact the office to reserve a space.

- Woodland Club – Mondays – Open to Years 2 & 4
- Multi-Skills Club – Tuesdays – Open to Years 1 & 2
- Science Club – Wednesdays – Open to Year 3
- Yoga Club – Wednesdays – Open to Reception & Year 1
- Choir – Thursdays – Open to Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Blue Peter have released an exciting new badge, designed by Sir Quentin Blake, the 'Book Badge'. At every opportunity St Margaret's shares books with children and encourages staff and children to read. Earning the badge is simple, all children need to do is send in their thoughts on a book, draw a character or scene and share which other books and writers they love. Forms can be downloaded from: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge> or from school. Please send in completed forms and school will send them off. We are excited to see how many children will be coming into school wearing their Blue Peter badge.



School Crossing Patrols required

Various locations within the Dudley Borough

Split morning and afternoon shifts, during term time only.

For more information about the roles please call 01384 815401 or email schoolcrossingpatroladmin@dudley.gov.uk



Some parents have raised concerns over road safety at the zebra crossing at peak times. We are aware that Dudley MBC have advertised for crossing patrol staff, but we have been told that because there is a zebra crossing outside school, that we are not a priority, compared to other local schools. We would therefore, encourage parents to report their concerns directly to Dudley, using the contact details on the flyer.

On 1st December, we will be holding our Christmas Fayre. Organising events such as these requires a lot of preparation and work.

How you can help:

- Approaching business for vouchers, prizes for the raffle, donations
- Help to run stalls during the Fayre
- Help to set up
- Help to tidy away



Diary Dates:

Thursday 5th October – School Census Day – Is your School Lunch a Winner?

Monday 9th October – Parents' Evening bookings open on School Life

Wednesday 11th October – Reception – Y6 NHS Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 17th October – School Photographer in School

Wednesday 18th October – 9am – Open morning for new Reception intake 2024

Wednesday 18th October – 2.30pm Year 3 & 4 Parents' Reading Workshop

Friday 20th October – Open morning for new Reception intake 2024

Tuesday 24th October – 5pm – 7pm – Parents' Evening – Reception – Year 6

Wednesday 25th October – 3.30pm – 5.30pm – Parents' Evening – Reception – Year 6

Friday 27th October – 8.30am – KSI Hall – Storytime – Nursery, Reception & Years 1 & 2

Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November – HALF TERM

Monday 6th November – INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

Tuesday 7th November – School re-opens to all pupils

Wednesday 8th November – 1.30pm – Open afternoon for new Reception intake 2024

Friday 24th November – 8.30am – KSI Hall – Storytime – Nursery, Reception & Years 1 & 2

Friday 1st December – 1.30pm – Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 12th December – 2.00pm – KSI Christmas Production

Wednesday 13th December – 6.00pm – KSI Christmas Production

Monday 18th December – 1.45pm – KS2 Christingle

Tuesday 19th December – 9.30am – EYFS Christmas Concert

Friday 22nd December – END OF TERM

Monday 8th January 2024 INSET DAY – School closed to all pupils

Tuesday 9th January – School re-opens to all pupils for Spring Term

Time/Date to be confirmed:

Reception Crib Service

Reindeer Run Fundraiser for Mary Stevens Hospice

KS2 Choir to perform to the residents at Lyttleton House