

St. Margaret's Newsletter



Friday 2nd February 2024

Learn every day, help each other and be happy.

Is it just me or has this been a tough week? I want to start by saying a big thank you and well done to all of our children, staff and parental community. At the end of a very dark and cold January, the mornings are finally starting to draw out. I have really felt the tiredness across the school this week with the amount of coughs and colds that are hanging around making it even more impressive to see the smiling faces that are still coming into our classrooms. We are always talking about resilience within our curriculum and this week has been a great example of this from all involved - I really do appreciate your continued support with bringing your children to school in the mornings, even when they are feeling so tired.

This week we have started our parents meetings. These are always a valuable time for us to connect with you all and share in the successes that your child is experiencing. Please do use this time to ask us about things as I am always acutely aware that a lot has, and continues to, change compared to when we all attended school.

It has been great to invite more parents in this week. Our Year 4 children shared their learning with their parents - building Roman shields together! Thank you to all who attended for your engagement as I know it can always be a bit daunting to come into school and join in! Also, all the Year 4 staff wanted me to say thank you to the parents who helped to tidy up. We really do appreciate it.

Finally, a huge well done to our Year 3 and 4 Tennis Teams. The three teams represented our school brilliantly and we are very proud of them!

I hope that you manage to have an excellent weekend.

Sam Malyn

Parent teacher consultations invitations have been sent out. If you have not received one or are struggling to book an appointment please contact the office.

Trust Class: Wed 7th Feb.

Friendship: Tues 6th Feb.

Hope: Mon 5th Feb & Wed 7th Feb.

Thankfulness : Mon 5th Feb & Wed 7th Feb.

Forgiveness: Wed 7th Feb.

Peace: Completed

Compassion: Wed 7th Feb & Thurs 8th Feb.

Wisdom: 6th Feb.

Messages from the Office

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- Year 6 leavers hoodies. Last call for letters to be returned so we can confirm the design.
- Bikeability Group 2 Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th Feb. Please remember to bring bike, helmet, coat, gloves & wear suitable clothing for the weather.
- FONs will be holding their annual general meeting on Monday 5th February at 2pm in the community room at St. George's. This meeting is open to everyone who would like to attend.
- We are now in desperate need of NEW underwear for boys and girls ages 7 –10 years as we have no spares left. Any donations of NEW underwear would be gratefully received.
- Advance notice PGL Parents Meeting will be on Wednesday 21st Feb at 5:30pm.
- Super advance notice: We will be holding a Scholastic book fair week beginning 29th April 2024.
- Today we have sent out invitations to parents/guardians to log into an online parent portal through our new Arbour Management Information System. Through this app you will now be able to pay for school meals online. (Please note that opening balances will be transferred from our old system to the new system at the beginning of next week). Once the system is up and running we will be adding other items such as school uniform and school trips. It is the intention that both St. Margaret's and St. George's will become entirely cashless in line with all other Ventrus schools. If you have problems logging in please let us know.
- **There will be a non uniform day next Friday 9th February in exchange for a £1 donation towards new play equipment.**

Our learning this week

In Year 3 this week we have been writing a story based on Cinderella. We have had to choose our own characters and we have changed the story. In maths we have been using our division and times table skills to solve some really tricky calculations. In PE we have been doing some gymnastics where we continue to work on our rolls and balances within our own routine. Another very busy, very successful week!

This week, year 4 have made a really good start with perimeter in Maths and looking at the differences in units of measurements such as metres and kilometres.

Year 4 have been asking lots of great questions about their learning and in particular, our 'Roman' topic. This week, we welcomed parents into the classrooms and the children were designing and making their own Roman shields. We used lots of paint, tin foil, string, newspaper and the shields looked fantastic. We will be looking at adding handles once they have dried properly and hopefully we can collaboratively form a tortoise formation with our shields, just like the Romans!

It's been a busy week which started with a 5 mile walk to Boat Hyde and The Hubba Stone in Appledore. We re-enacted the Viking invasion and battles which may have taken place in our local area. We found a lot of treasures on the beaches and enjoyed jumping the ditches across the Burrows on the way home!

In Year 6 this week we have been learning about ratio in maths. On Monday we designed our own magical door which will form the basis of our creative writing. We have started Carnival dancing and it was really good fun! Yesterday for PE we continued our work on leadership—leading activities and supporting our team. Our Year 6 children continue to impress us with their attitude and application—keep it up Year 6!

Class Teacher Awards

Trust: Jack

Friendship: Faye

Thankfulness: Jago

Hope: Polly

Peace: Finley

Forgiveness: Jasper

Wisdom: Livvy

Compassion: Emma