

St. Margaret's Newsletter



Friday 23rd February 2024

Learn every day, help each other and be happy.

Welcome back! I hope that you had a lovely half term and that you are all well rested and ready for another busy half term. Across the school this week we have been thinking about positive behaviours. We discussed in Worship the fact that Instow family group were the winners of our family group competition and all other family groups expressed the fact that they want to make sure that they do not win again. As our reigning champions (and having won twice already this year), we decided that asking Instow family group how they win so many Family Group Points was a good place to start. Their answers included things such as: reading three times a week, working hard within our lessons, sharing our ideas in conversations, being kind to other children within the school and showing our manners across the school. We each then picked one area we were going to work on in order to make sure that we had a new champion Family Group at the end of this half term!

As we move closer towards March 7th and World Book Day, I wanted to reinforce the idea that we do not want this to be an event that becomes a financial burden on our parental community. I am very aware of the financial challenges that continue to be a real factor and the last thing I want to do is to add to that through the pressures of producing a costume. Please feel free to be as creative (or not!) as you want. I have seen that supermarkets now produce costumes for this event and want to let you know that there is absolutely no pressure to buy these. If you are struggling at all for ideas, please do let me know and I can help you.

I hope that you all have a great weekend. The children have returned to school really well and have tried across all of the year groups. We have a few tired faces today as returning to school is a bit of a shock to the system – I hope that they all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Sam Malyn

Kitchen News.

Our kitchen team are very happy to have Jojo join our lunchtime crew. Jojo is really popular with both staff and children and she has been welcomed back by all. We have really enjoyed seeing the children again at lunchtimes, this is a lovely social time for them to enjoy together.

We have updated our menu slightly and we now offer jacket potato every day. We have also added watermelon to our dessert options and along with the honeydew melon these are proving very popular.

Marvellous Manners and Healthy Eater Certificates are due to start again this term.

Happy lunchtime!

Messages from the Office

- **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. We have now transferred lunch balances which are displayed on the home page once you have logged. Once the system is up and running we will be adding other items such as school uniform and school trips. If you have not received an invitation or if you have problems logging in please let the office know.**
- **Year 6 London Residential is fast approaching. Just a reminder that all McDonalds orders and payments must be sent in to the office by 4th March and all spending money to be handed in by 11th March.**
- **Lost Property—We have several items of lost property in the office. Three single keys, glasses and case. Please contact the office if you think any of these items belong to you.**
- **Easter Disco 14th March 2024 Tickets now available from the school office**
- **Year 6 Practice SATs week beginning 4th March 2024**

Upcoming Key Dates

World book day 7th March

St Margaret's Easter Disco Thursday 14th March

Easter Service Thursday 28th March (last day of term)

Easter Holidays 29th March—14th April

Scholastic book fair week beginning 29th April 2024

Ascension Day Thursday 9th May

Sports Day 22nd May

Summer Faye Friday 28th June

Our learning this week

Bringing Items into School

We have noticed that some of our children are beginning to bring items/toys into school. Please can we ask that you support us in discouraging this as we are worried that these items, which are often cherished items, may get lost or broken. We have had some instances where children have leant or traded items and this has understandably lead to upset. If you have any questions about this, please let me know.

This week in year 3, we have started to learn about our topic – Europe. We now know about their populations and location in Europe. We also have learned about amazing places in London. Fact: Big Ben is actually called Queen Elizabeth Tower! In Maths, we have been learning about partitioning £s and ps with money. In PE on Friday, we did a HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) which was exhausting but fun! Best week ever! On Wednesday, we have an amazing coach come in and he was really fun!

Year 4 have had a great first week back. On Wednesday we had a man from Asda come in and help us make a traditional spaghetti bolognese. It was delicious and great fun helping to cut up all the ingredients and learn about having a balanced diet. Did you know that a courgette is actually a fruit?

We have also started our new Geography topic this week about erosion and deposition. We explored the journey of a river and how it changes our landscape over time. We are hoping to go on a river and coastal walk when the weather cheers up. We will keep you posted on when this will happen.

Year 5 What a great start to this half term! We have been introduced to our new topic, 'South America', learning about the diversity of the continent and making some tropical rainforest leaves to border our new display board.

This week in year 6 has been a busy one. On our first day back we enjoyed learning about all the different countries that make up North America (our new topic). We located North America on a map and compared its position in relation to the UK, we made flags and researched information about different countries. In maths we have been looking at Algebra this week and have been solving problems using function machines. It has been good to start our music work where we are learning how to drum.

Class Teacher Awards

Trust: Leighton

Peace: Harrison

Friendship: Luca

Forgiveness: Harley

Hope: Frankie

Wisdom: Oscar

Thankfulness: Charlie

Compassion: Brooklyn