

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

This is the first of our monthly newsletters providing you with information and the opportunity to see what has been happening in school.

It was great to see such a positive turn out for the Reception welcome service and phonics workshop. We will be holding more workshops for more year groups across the academic year so please look out for alerts with the dates. Already in the diary is a maths workshop for reception. This will be held on **12th November at 9.00am**. A form to book onto this will be sent out to you nearer the time.

During last year we held 'read with your child' sessions on the last Friday of the month, where we invited children and parents to come in at 8.30am and read. We are changing the format of this slightly this year. Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents/carers are invited in at 8.30am to read a book with your child that they have chosen. You are then invited and encouraged to stay for registration and 15-20 minutes of a maths/reading/phonics session (the subject will change). This provides you with the opportunity to see how we teach these subjects and to support your child. The first session will be **Friday the 18th October 8.30-9.30**. Invites will be out shortly.

As we are in the fourth week, we are on our second cycle of the three week menu rotation. We offer a three-week menu with a choice of two mains or jacket potato or sandwich with salad and a choice of desert. I have ensured that I am around at lunchtime so I can see what the children enjoy eating. If there are tweaks to be made to the menu, preferences from the children, we will endeavour to accommodate these. Please note we do cater for all allergens so do ask.



We have the 'special' menu on **Thursday 3rd October** which is census day. It is important for the school to have as many children as possible book a school lunch. The number of booked lunches is shared with the government and funding provided to school is based on this number. As an incentive, we are giving all children who book a school lunch a raffle ticket. There will be a **£10 Amazon prize** for one child in each class. Please can I ask for your support and book your child a lunch (*remember to book by 3.00pm on Friday 27th September*). Thank you.

As I write this newsletter the weather is very wet outside which has reminded me to ask for wellies. If children have wellies in school, they are able to play on the field (most children want to do this). Please can I ask that a pair of wellies are brought into school in a named carrier bag. The wellies can stay in school or go home at the weekend.

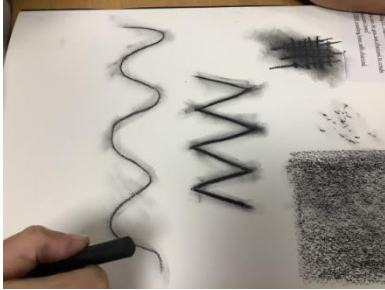
Can I just remind parents to please provide spare clothes if your child is prone to accidents. We are very short of spare clothes particularly underwear because unfortunately loaned clothes are not always returned.

It is great to be able to offer the variety of after school clubs across school which are free and mostly run by school staff giving up their time after school. Clubs generally are run for a 6 week block, with a few exceptions (football, multi-skills, choir, coding and dance) which run for a term. I ask that if you have signed your child up and they have secured a place, that they attend each week please. At the moment, I am still able to offer all clubs free of charge.

Regards
Mrs Shepherd

LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

Year 2 have been learning how to use charcoal to create different types of lines in art. They really enjoyed using their fingers to blend the charcoal, experimenting with different effects. It will now become a media they can express themselves creativity in during future art sessions.



Year 6 have had a fantastic start to the year with an urban geography walk in Birmingham, a STEAM workshop where we learned to code, welcoming Reception Class of 2024 and we are enjoying learning with the aid of the technology.





It has been an incredibly exciting start to the year for digital learning at St Margaret's as Hasbury. We have been so fortunate to have secured funding for iPads. Over the summer holidays we took an order for and prepared 1-1 iPads for every child in years 4, 5, and 6. This has unlocked many different opportunities for both teachers and children, enhancing learning across the curriculum.

We have absolutely enjoyed seeing what creative ideas teachers have got up to in just a matter of weeks and look forward to the exciting direction teaching and learning will take across this year and beyond.

Year 4 had a visit from Severn Water Trust. We made a human river, learnt about looking after our rivers and the effects of micro plastics for the environment, the wildlife and ourselves. We also started a piece of art work that is going to become a large mosaic for our school.



Well Done!

Last academic year, we invited a diving team into school to deliver some workshops and provide our children with the opportunity to be part of a diving team. Three children were selected to trial out at the new Aquatic Centre in Smethwick. **Emily**, in year 3 took to diving like a duck to water (sorry!) and is now representing Sandwell Diving Club in the Irish Nationals in November. We are all so proud of Emily, what an amazing opportunity. Good luck!

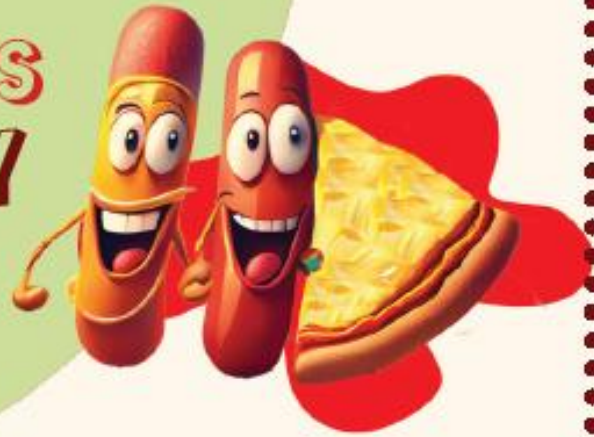


Across school we have many children with hobbies and talents. **Joey**, in year 5 races pigeons. Recently, his pigeons completed a 205 mile race from the Isle of Guernsey achieving a great time. Well done Joey.



I am very proud to announce that we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark. Achieving this confirms and congratulates us on providing a high-quality primary science curriculum. I would like to thank **Mrs Longden**, Science lead, for all her hard work and staff for helping Mrs Longden make it happen!

ST MARGARET'S CENSUS DAY MENU 3 OCTOBER



Look what's for lunch...

**Cheese Pizza (v)
or Hot Dogs**
with ketchup & bbq sauce

SERVED WITH...

Chips, Sweetcorn & Baked Beans

FOLLOWED BY...

**Ice Cream or Waffles
& Selection of Milkshakes**



Will you win a prize?

Every child who has a dinner
on the day will receive
a raffle ticket giving them
a chance to win!

School Census Day... is an important day. Choosing a favourite Shire Services meal helps boost much needed funding for your school!



Fresh DINING

www.shireservices.co.uk

Food Allergies & Intolerances - Before ordering, please speak to our staff about your requirements

Diary Dates:

Please make a note of school's events and dates so you do not miss anything. After a lengthy discussion with staff, we have decided to hold a summer fayre instead of a Christmas Fayre on June 20th at 4pm. More information will be sent out next year.

Tuesday 1st October – Parents' Evening Bookings open on School Money

Wednesday 2nd October – No After School Dance Club for this week only

Thursday 3rd October – Census Day Winning Lunch

Thursday 10th October – NHS Flu Immunisation Team in School

Wednesday 16th October – 9.30am Y1 Parents Maths Workshop

Thursday 17th October – 9.00am – Tag Rugby (selected Y5/6 children)

Thursday 17th October – 9.30am – Reception 2025 Open Morning

Friday 18th October – 8.30am – Reception/Year 1/Year 2 'read with your child'

Tuesday 22nd October – Y6 Mini First Aiders Course

Tuesday 22nd October – 5pm – 7pm – Parent's evening, Reception – Year 6

Wednesday 23rd October – 3.30pm – 5.30pm – Parent's evening, Reception – Year 6

Friday 25th October – Individual and sibling photos

Half Term – Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

Wednesday 6th November – Y4 Mastery Number Workshop

Wednesday 6th November – 1.15pm – Reception 2025 Open Afternoon

Friday 8th November – NHS Flu Immunisations Team in School

Tuesday 12th November – 9.00am – Reception parents Maths workshop

Monday 25th November – Reception Orthoptic Vision Screening

Wednesday 11th December – 9.30am – KS1 Christmas Production

Wednesday 11th December – 2.00pm – KS1 Christmas Production

Thursday 12th December – Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 12th December – 3.15pm – 4.45pm – Reception/KS1 Christmas Disco

Thursday 12th December – 5pm – 6.30pm KS2 Christmas Disco

Tuesday 17th December – 9.30am – EYFS Christmas Performance

Thursday 19th December – TBC – KS2 Christingle/Concert in Church

Break up for Christmas Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January – INSET day