

# NEWSLETTER



9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all enjoyed the sunny weekend and I am hoping we are now officially entering Summer. I would like to say the children are looking very smart in their summer uniform and school PE uniform, thank you for adhering to the school uniform, however, we are experiencing more children not wearing the correct footwear. Our one request is that children wear black, sturdy (not fabric) shoes. Having boys myself, I am aware that many school shoes now replicate trainers, so as long as the shoes are all black, leather or man made and not fabric that is ok.

Schools are always busy places but looking at the calendar for the summer term, it is busier than usual. Please can I ask you to look carefully at the diary dates as we have quite a lot of events in school where we would like to see parents involved.

This week year 6 will be doing their SATs (statutory assessments) and the children and teachers have all worked extremely hard during the year and are all ready. We are very proud of them! Year 6 parents, please try to make sure that they are well rested, and arrive on time each morning, as this will help them remain as calm as possible.

During the month of May (week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> May) our Year 2 pupils will also be undertaking a range of assessments planned and delivered by their teachers. These will contribute towards their final Key Stage 1 assessments. Again, please do everything that you can to make sure your children attend school and are punctual each day.



We are making plans for our celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and because it falls during the half term holiday, we will be holding our Jubilee on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. On the day, the school kitchen will be putting on a special lunch that will resemble an afternoon tea. This can be booked on 'school money'. Weather permitting, all children will be eating together outside. During the afternoon parents will be invited in to participate in activities and all year groups (rec-yr6) will be singing.

## Parent Governor

We are excited to announce that we have a vacancy for a parent Governor. As a parent governor you hold the unique position of having a parental viewpoint. You will have first-hand experience of the curriculum and how the school is perceived from the consumers' point of view and will be able to bring this perspective to the strategic management of the school. It is important that the Governing Body is highly skilled in order to be effective and, therefore, we are seeking someone with experience in HR or buildings. A letter will be sent out this week with more information.



## Cleaner

We have a vacancy at our school for a part-timer cleaner. Further information can be found on WM Jobs, using this link: <https://www.wm.jobs.co.uk/job/124177/cleaner/>

## Lunchtime Supervisor

A vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor will also be posted on WM Jobs in the next few days, so please keep an eye on <https://www.wm.jobs.co.uk/> if you are interested in applying.

## LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

As many of you are aware, school requested a tree preservation order (TPO) on one of its trees, the Norwegian Maple, as it was under threat of being cut down. This TPO was opposed by some residents and therefore the matter was referred to a committee. Children here at St Margaret's were very upset when they heard about the threat to this tree and demonstrated what true 'Stewards of God' they all are. They started drawing up petitions, making and putting up banners and sending letters to MPs. This was all used in evidence at the committee meeting and the TPO was upheld, absolutely fantastic! I am sure you will all agree that this is brilliant result for the trees and for the children who attend St. Margaret's now and in the future. This action made me feel prouder than ever to be the headteacher here at St Margaret's.



A couple of weeks ago the children's author, Petr Horacek visited us in school to share his amazing books. It would be absolutely spot on to say all children, and staff, were mesmerised. Thank you for purchasing his books and thank you to the parents who supported the reading session at 8.30am! We received an email off Petr to say he was very impressed with the behaviour of our children and the positive reading culture that we have in school and that he thoroughly enjoyed his visit. He has asked if he can return very soon to deliver more workshops with our children, this is great news!

We have had a few groups of children visit Windsor School to take part in sporting events. The children who attended the netball skills festival and girls football enjoyed their activities (not the walk back up the hill though)

Our Lego club, run by Mrs Thomas starts this Thursday and there are still a few places left. Information was sent out a couple of weeks ago and last week. Please contact the office for any further information you require.



Halesowen Library has reopened and our classes have started visiting again. Reception will be visiting the library this week.

## Diary Dates

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May Year 2 SATS week

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Bikeability

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Bikeability

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – 8.30am Storytime – Nursery, Reception and Y1 & Y2

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May – Y3 Bikeability

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Marvelous Musical Extravaganza!

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Jubilee Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Break up for summer half term

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June – INSET DAY, SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – SCIENCE WEEK

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Wonderdome at School

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30am Sports Day – Reception & KS2

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June – 1.30pm – Sports Day – KS2

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June – 9.30 – Sports Day Nursery (*All 30hours, AM & PM children*)

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Reserved Sports Day (*KS1 – AM, KS2 – PM*)

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – Reserved Sports Day – (*All Nursery children*)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – 8.30am Storytime – Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Performance – Afternoon & Evening, times to be confirmed.

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – 8.30am Storytime – Nursery, Reception and Years 1 & 2.

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers' Assembly, time to be confirmed

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 Leavers' Party – after school

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Last Day of Term

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – SCHOOL CLOSED (In lieu of Jubilee Bank Holiday)**

## School lunches

Can I please remind you, to ensure all school lunches are booked the night before. If a lunch is not booked for your child, you will be contacted by the office and asked to bring in a packed lunch for your child.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Shepherd