

Newsletter – Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parents,

Covid19 cases have continued to decrease this week. Almost all children are now back in school and our classrooms are full once again! We have made it through the last few weeks with a strong team of very supportive staff.

Excellent attendance at school is vital for our children and we want to work with everyone in our community to ensure that the children are able to attend school every day. Please remember that the school gates close at 8.55am, children arriving after this time may not make it to class before the registers close and therefore they will be marked as late.

Some children attend Maths or English Booster Sessions at 8.30am. Please can I ask that you arrive a couple of minutes before 8.30am because staff cannot wait on the gate after 8.30am. After 8.30am, staff will be delivering interventions or preparing for the school day. Thank you.

A few weeks ago we arranged for an external early reading and phonics audit to be carried out. These areas were identified as needing improvement in our Ofsted inspection in 2019. The visit quality assured the improvements we have made. Below are just a few of the strengths identified;

- All pupils receive a structured, consistently delivered daily phonics lesson.
- All resources that are used maintain the fidelity to the programme being followed in school.
- All staff are clearly aware of the reading structure and adhere to it
- During reading sessions children develop their fluency, prosody and comprehension to become confident, independent readers.
- The school use a rigorous assessment system that identifies the gaps in phonic knowledge that the children have.
- The daily phonics lessons that are being delivered in school are of a consistent high quality, providing the children with excellent opportunities to 'crack the code' and learn to read quickly.

We have a fantastic reading team here at St Margaret's!

Mrs S Shepherd

Headteacher

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 8th February 2022 - Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 10th February 2022 - Year 1 Black Country Living Museum Trip
- Thursday 10th February 2022 - Year 6 Library Trip
- Friday 11th February 2022 - Key Stage 2 take part in The Harmony Project
- Tuesday 15th February 2022 - Key Stage 2 Parent's Evening Late Sessions
- Wednesday 16th February 2022 - Reception & Key Stage 1 Parent's Evening Late Sessions
- Thursday 17th February 2022 - Year 5 Library Trip
- Wednesday 2nd March 2022- Key Stage 2 Parent's Evening Early Session
- Thursday 3rd March 2022 - Year 3 Library Trip
- Thursday 3rd March 2022 - Reception & Key Stage 1 Parent's Evening Late Sessions
- Thursday 3rd March 2022 - World Book Day
- Thursday 10th March 2022- Year 2 Library Trip
- Thursday 17th March 2022 - Year 1 Library Trip
- Thursday 24th March 2022 - Reception Trip
- Friday 25th March 2022- Mother's Day Collective Worship
- Thursday 31st March 2022 - Year 4 Library Trip
- Monday 2nd May 2022 - School Closed - May Day Bank Holiday
- Thursday 5th May 2022 - School Closed - Polling Day

Inset Days

Friday 8th April 2022 - School Closed - Inset Day

Monday 6th June 2022 - School Closed - Inset Days

Parent's Evening - Just a reminder that the parents evening appointment are live on School Life for you to book.

Living Life in all its Fullness

Jesus said '*I have come that you may have life in all its fullness*' (John 10:10). He calls us to a full life in mind, body, heart and spirit. Therefore, we believe the purpose of education is to nurture and enable every child to thrive and to be the person they are fully capable of being.

For me, it is important that all children, parents and staff On Monday, Year 3 swapped their classroom for the Gurdwara where children received such a friendly, warm welcome. Add children's responses.

Jasmin, Jessica, Isla and Yvie have been working together to create next week's collective worship. Here is their wonderful prayer.

Dear God, When I feel worried about facing a new challenge, help me to persevere. When the going gets tough, help me to persevere. When I feel like giving up, help me to persevere. Amen.

Very soon children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be learning some special songs for a special occasion that is happening on 27th March. Yes, we are excited to announce we will be holding a special Mother's Day Collective Worship on Friday 25th March at 9.00am.

An invite will be sent out to Mums very soon but in the meantime, please pop the date and time in your diary.

Year 3 visited the Gurdwara on Monday 31st January and were able to look around, sit in the main prayer hall and try the Langar. The children were amazing and asked lots of questions. The children made the following comments:

I thought it was amazing how big it was!

I had never been to a Gurdwara before and was amazed by how beautifully the rooms were decorated

The Gurdwara made me feel calm as it was peaceful in there

I loved the Gurdwara as everyone is treated equally and no one is better than anyone else.

A huge thank you to everyone at the Gurdwara who made us feel welcome.

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

This year we have decided to make World Book Day all about relaxing story-time. There is nothing quite like a bedtime story so at St Margaret's at Hasbury, we will spend the day in our pyjamas- telling our favourite bedtime stories as well as hearing some new ones. We are inviting all children to come to school in their PJs for that day. We are very much looking forward to celebrating the day. Thank you for all your support with encouraging a love of reading

The Harmony Project

KS2 children will be participating with approximately 10,000 children in Dudley to sing the song 'Connect' as a part of Children's Mental Health week in a live Stream performance on Friday 11th February.

Safer Internet Day

On the **8th February** we will be taking part in Safer Internet Day. This year the theme is '**All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships online**'. This day runs alongside our half termly online safety plans. We live in a digital world and therefore it is important that children are safe when playing or working online. Below are some great resources to help you to keep your child safe online.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/> - great tips and advice for parents to keep children safe with online technology

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> - keeping children safe online

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers> - tips for parents, guardians and carers for helping children make sensible decisions whilst online.

Dudley Parent Carer Forum

Dudley Parent Carer Forum is an independent group of parent carers of children and young people (0-25 years) with disabilities and additional needs. The forum provides a safe environment for parent carers of children with disabilities or additional needs to share their thoughts and concerns and to empower them to have their voices heard in a way that influences change and service design.

Any parent carer of a child with a disability or additional needs, residing in Dudley borough can become a member.

For more information contact the forum via their [Facebook page](#) or by their website: www.dudleyparentcarerforum.co.uk/

Nursery Vacancies for 2022

If your child is 3 before 31st March 2022, we have a limited number of vacancies for our summer 2022 term starting in April. Please contact us for a registration form.

We have 15 hour and 30 hour places available in September 2022 for children who are 3 before 31st August 2022.

After School Clubs

The art and sports after school clubs continue to be delivered on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays. Spaces are still available.

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