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Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme is 'Being Ourselves'. We have launched this important topic this week with some assemblies for the children and have emailed home a Tips for Parents sheet with this newsletter.

It is also Safer Internet Day on Tuesday next week and we will be talking to the children about online behaviour and staying safe. Many children have internet access on devices which they use out of sight of their parents so please do make sure you have set suitable Parental Controls so they are safe online.

On Thursday 8th February the Y1—Y6 classrooms will be open from 3:05pm to 3:30pm for you to drop in so your child can share their work with you. The children love to talk about their learning and parents appreciate the chance to see how well their child is progressing. It's great to flick from the first page of work in the year to their current one and see the difference!

Our Y1—Y6 Parents Meetings are scheduled for Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st February (Pine Class are on Tuesday 20th and Thursday 22nd February) and you can book these on the eSchools app or through logging in to the school website. If you have not used the app before then download the eSchools app from the App store or Google Play then enter our school name correctly (st-margarets) so it will recognise your details. Don't add capital letters, apostrophes or Academy to the st-margarets part. Your username is your [first name.surname](#). If you are logging in for the first time and have lost your details please call the office as we can reset your password if you have forgotten yours. These are important meetings as they are the last formal meeting of the academic year so please do make an appointment to find out how your child is progressing and how school and home can work together. Foundation Stage meetings will take place later in the school year and will be booked through eSchools so you could download the app and log in, in readiness!



We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils!



Beech — Madiha has grown in confidence in all aspects of her learning.
Pine — Aiden-Lee has shown perseverance with his reading.
Apple — Isabelle has shown aspiration with all of her learning from writing to times tables!
Oak — Euan has been an excellent learner and tried his best with his writing this week.
Birch — Leo has been kind and helpful giving support and encouragement to his partner in Maths this week.
Rowan — Lewis has made an excellent start to his first full week at our school. Welcome and well done!
Cherry — Lois has been taking greater responsibility for her learning, particularly in writing this week.
Maple — Keira has had a fabulous attitude to learning throughout the week.
Holly — Belal has continually tried his best and been working very hard.
Willow — Mia has made a fantastic effort with her learning this week and is a great new addition to the class!
Hawthorn — Lily has an amazing attitude and is an excellent role model.
Hazel — Matilda has shown determination to be the best she can possibly be—an outstanding week!

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 5th February—Holly Class swimming lessons begin
Thursday 8th February—Parent Drop in. Classrooms are open from 3:05pm to 3:30pm for your child to share their work with you.

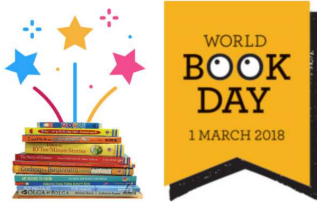
Friday 9th February— last day of the half term

Monday 19th February— first day of new half term.



Attendance Award
Congratulations to
Cherry Class
for winning the School
Attendance Award with
97.9 % attendance.

The whole school achieved 95.4% attendance. Let's see if we can get it back over 96% next week.



On Thursday 1st March we will be celebrating our love of books by having a "Bedtime Story" theme—the children can come in their dressing gowns and pyjamas (sensible shoes for school though, please and coats will still be needed for outdoor play times). We will also be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair where the children will be able to put their World Book Day vouchers towards the cost of a book.

Y1 have been enjoying books by the author Jeanne Willis and have made a great display in their classrooms. They have particularly enjoyed "Bog Baby" and will be making their own clay Bog Babies soon.



Y3 and Y4 children have been writing their own mystery stories and sharing these with each other.



They love reading their work aloud to someone else and discussing their learning. Hopefully, you will be able to drop in to your child's class next week and read them for yourselves.



Y2 Subtraction Workshop for Parents

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend the workshop on Wednesday morning. We hope you find these useful! We are hoping to create a Maths page on our website with useful links for parents and information on the different approaches we take when introducing children to mathematical concepts.

The work the school has done towards educating our children about their rights and the rights of all children to live a safe, healthy life has been converted to a Bronze award. We will continue our journey and aim to achieve the Silver award.



THANK YOU! Thank you again for your donations of outgrown toys, playground equipment, books and craft materials. We have had even more sent in this week so we have been able to spread the resources around so all children have benefitted from them.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.