



Spring Term Newsletter No.2

Another busy week—time is just flying by! Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Y2 maths workshop on Wednesday. We had great feedback about how useful it is for you to learn the ways your child will be taught maths these days. Year 1 families are welcome to attend a workshop on Addition and Subtraction next Wednesday morning from 9:05am in the Woodland Studio. You work alongside your child so it's fun for both of you as they can show you how they learn to understand about numbers and calculating. Year 4 are also offering a maths workshop on Wednesday 25th January from 9:15am.



Letters with your personal username and password have been sent home today. This will allow you to log in to the website on a laptop or tablet so you can see information relevant to your child. However, if you download the eschools app to your mobile you will have easy access to the same information and be alerted to new messages and letters home.

As this is a new system to the school there will probably be a little time before everything is fully up and running so please be patient as we get to grips with the new technology! If you experience problems logging in please contact the school office who will do their best to help. There are no changes to the payment system—you will just continue using School Gateway as you do currently.

Do you have a few spare hours in the week? Would you like to help some of our children with their reading skills? Some children just need to spend more time with an adult sharing a book, practising reading tricky words and talking about books to make a difference to their confidence with reading. If you are interested, please let the office know and someone will get back to you.



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



Beech — Ben 's handwriting is really improving due to the fabulous effort he has put in.
Pine — Evan has a great growth mindset and really applies himself in his writing.
Apple — Joseph has excellent behaviour and puts great effort into his learning.
Oak — Alissia is extremely caring and supportive of other children in the class.
Birch — Corey shows great enthusiasm in maths and is eager to help others with their learning.
Rowan — Toby M. has put in an excellent effort in all subjects since returning this term.
Cherry — Ryan M. is making a huge effort to improve his learning attitude and behaviour.
Maple — Honey is making excellent progress in all subjects, especially maths.
Holly — Fraser is an excellent role model for the school value 'Respect'.
Willow — Callum is showing an improved attitude and has had a full week of reading at home.
Hawthorn — Lucy is challenging herself and really improving her focus in class.
Hazel — Isaac is supportive of others and models great behaviour.

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 16th January—Y6 Hazel Class swimming

Tuesday 17th January—Y2 Eco Day in school

Wednesday 18th January— Y1 Maths Workshop for parents from 9:05am in the Woodland Studio

Thursday 19th January— Life Education Van arrives.

Friday 3rd February—NSPCC Maths Day. Dressing up day. Please see separate letter.



Attendance Award

Congratulations to
Cherry Class

for winning the School Attendance
Award with 100% attendance.

The whole school achieved 97.7% attendance overall which beats our target. Well done!

Change4Life Champions



Their role at St Margaret's is to help their peers lead healthy active lives and to promote healthy eating and getting active. They have been selected due to their interest in leading healthy lifestyles, but more importantly, they have been an excellent volunteer and young leader in school. They have received some training which will equip them with the skills to deliver sessions of a Change4life club (Healthy 60) and promote active lifestyles and knowledge in special assemblies. The Champions are going to be given even more responsibility this year and they are going to be easily identified by their new Change4Life Champion sweatshirts. We're looking forward to their continued help in promoting healthy, active lifestyles at St Margaret's.

The aim of Play Leaders is to introduce and develop leadership skills in Year 5 and 6 children by training them up and getting them to organise activities for other children in the playground. They show some great leadership qualities and come up with many different and fun activities. At lunchtime their role is to:

- Introduce new games.
- Play with the children and to organise playground games such as obstacle courses, ball games and chasing and avoiding games.
- Support children to play safely.
- Reinforce St Margaret's school's core values.
- Taking out and putting away play equipment.

Play Leaders



Sports Leaders



The Sports Leader's role at St Margaret's will be to help organise, manage and run sports events. They have been selected due to their sporting talent, but more importantly, they have been an excellent volunteer and young leader in school. Last year our Sports Leaders were so good that we are giving them even more responsibility this year. The Sports Leaders have their own sports notice board and they are going to be easily identified by their new Sports Leaders sweatshirts. We're looking forward to their continued help in promoting PE and sport at St Margaret's.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday!