



# St. Margaret's CE Primary School

Weekly Update 11th September 2020



## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

We were delighted to welcome many new starters this week across the school. Our new Reception children have made three induction visits throughout the week, culminating in a school lunch on Wednesday. They started full time from Thursday, and have settled in brilliantly!

Ukulele lessons began in Year 3 this week. It was wonderful to hear music return to the school building!

Little Fingers Violin lessons will begin with the first Year 2 group next week, along with peripatetic music lessons.



We continue to work hard to ensure that drop offs and pick ups are as safe and stress-free as we can possibly make them and are extremely grateful to you for your ongoing support and co-operation in what is a major logistical challenge, involving all staff.

Please remember to make room for pedestrians to pass safely on the pavement and please make use of the path heading down to the school gate. This will make more room at the top of the bank. It also makes it easier for staff and children to recognise parents/ carers through their masks.

As Covid cases continue to rise across the country, please help us reduce the risk of infection by remaining socially distanced from each other and wearing masks at the gate if you are able. Please see the link below for guidance on engaging with the NHS Test and Trace system for your information.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/nhs-test-and-trace-how-it-works>

## WORSHIP

Our worship focus for this half term is 'Gifts from God'

This week we have been thinking about the gift of friendship.

The children heard the story of Jesus calling his disciples and we thought about the importance of being a supportive friend.



## Best wishes to the following pupils who are celebrating a birthday this week:

Sasha Freya

Mason Zack

Annabel Lewis



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## Messages

### Water bottles

Due to the Covid Pandemic, all water fountains are out of use. Please ensure that your child remembers to bring a filled water bottle into school each day, so that they can remain adequately hydrated.

Any child forgetting their bottle, will be given a bottle of Buxton Spring Water from the school office. The 50p cost will be charged to your ParentPay account.

### Dinner Money

Please note that dinner money has gone up to £2.10 per meal. All infant children are still entitled to a free school meal.

Friends of St Margaret's

### **AGM**

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

8pm

Via Zoom

*Meeting ID & Password to follow nearer the time*

**All Welcome!**

The Friends AGM is the perfect way to learn more about what we do and how you can get involved as well as a great way to meet other parents from the school community.

This year we are holding the meeting virtually and in the evening which we hope will allow more parents and school staff to join us.

We will email details of how to access the meeting nearer the time.

### JOIN US!

There are currently two vacancies on the Committee

Chair & Secretary

If you feel you have the skills and enthusiasm to help us raise much needed funds for the school enhancing our children's education and experience and building our school community then we want to hear from you.

There are lots of ways to find out more information - speak to an existing member, look on the Friends page on the School Website, look on our Facebook page, register on the Friends Website [www.pta-events.co.uk/fosmdurham](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosmdurham) or drop us an email at [friendsstmargarets@gmail.com](mailto:friendsstmargarets@gmail.com)



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## Year Group

### Messages & Reminders

Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	Yellow Class will be doing Forest Schools on the morning of Thursday 17th September.  Lilac Class will be doing Forest Schools on the morning of Friday 18th September.
Year 3	
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	Please see the attached letter.
Whole School	



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