



St. Margaret's CE Primary School

Weekly Update 18th September 2020



It was wonderful to welcome back the peripatetic music teachers from the Durham Music Service this week. Cello, violin, woodwind and brass lessons have recommenced.

If anyone has a cello to return to the Durham Music Service, please contact durhammusic-service@durham.gov.uk to arrange a drop off appointment at Ushaw College.



Water bottles

Please ensure that your child remembers to bring their water bottle into school. 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.

Y5 Drop Off

Year 5 drop off in the morning is at 8.55. As soon as the Year 6 children have come into school and the path up to the side gate is free (this is usually by 8.48), Year 5 can move up the path to start queuing sensibly and safely at the gate. This should ease congestion down at the bottom of the bank. If a Year 6 child needs to be past to join their bubble (as they have from 8.45-8.55) please stand right into the side to let them through.



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

This week we have been thinking about the qualities of friendship, including love and loyalty.

The children listened to these words from John's Gospel:



This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." [John 15:12](#)

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

Thomas M	Sam Donnelly
James T	Oliver T
Ellie	Louis
Halle	Alfie
Libby	Joe
Iris	Jacob L



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Junior Awards...

Orange Class: Emma Wilbraham– for trying her best in everything– a fabulous start to Year3!

Purple Class: Izzy Smallbone– for being very helpful, polite and enthusiastic– a great start to Year 3!

Brown Class: Lottie Carey– for joining in enthusiastically in all lessons and always trying her best. Lottie has made a fabulous start to Year 4!

White Class: Harrison Miller– for showing kindness to class mates and being helpful and enthusiastic

Leo Pippet– for having an excellent attitude to lessons

Mauve Class: Seb Roberts– for being a very kind and supportive friend both in and out of the classroom

Grey Class: Leon Tumarkin– for showing patience and kindness towards a new class member

Gold Class: Lily Goss– for settling in to Year 6 really well and being a fabulous role model for the rest of the class

Silver Class: Anya Pritchard and Sasha Ellison– for showing great friendship and kindness towards another member of the class



Infant Awards



Red Class: Toby Walker– for always being so polite and using good manners

Jessica Smith– for being such a kind and caring friend

Blue Class: Keziah Wallace– for excellent listening!

Noah Green– for being kind and helping other children during tidy up time

Rainbow Class: Hannah Perkins– for creating excellent masterpieces in our creative area

Zack Shaw– for being kind and caring to his friends and being polite to adults

Green Class: Rory Hill– for doing excellent writing in our writing area this week

Hugh Ridley– for settling into St Margaret's so well and making lots of friends

Lilac Class: Thomas Garland and Aria Ansari– for working well together and always finishing their work

Oscar Thirlwell– for excellent listening and participation in class

Yellow Class: Xanda Holden– for having a brilliant start to life at St. Margaret's

Navy Home– for some excellent answers during guided reading

Local Lockdown Rules

As you will be aware, from midnight County Durham has gone into a local lockdown. Government guidance has now been published in relation to these restrictions. Please find the link to the guidance below.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/north-east-of-england-local-restrictions>

Please note the following guidance relating to child care:

You can continue to use [early years and childcare](#) settings, including childminders and providers offering [before or after school clubs or other out-of-school settings](#) for children. You can also continue to employ nannies – see [guidance on working safely in other people's homes](#).

Friends or family who do not live with you must not visit your home to help with childcare unless they are part of your support bubble. The only people who should help you with childcare in your home are people you live with, people in your support bubble, or registered childcare providers including nannies.

Children of parents who are separated can continue to move between households.



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Year Group

Messages & Reminders

Reception	
Year 1	
Year 2	
Year 3	Orange class will be doing Forest Schools on the morning of Thursday 24th September and Purple class on Friday 25th September.
Year 4	
Year 5	
Year 6	
Whole School	Please see the attached letter about the flu vaccine. This will take place in school on Monday 16th November. The last date of submission is midnight 11/11/2020. www.hdft.nhs.uk/electronic-consent . School Code 114230 .



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