



St. Margaret's CE Primary School

Weekly Update 5th March 2021



Thank you so much to everyone who responded to our survey relating to your children and their return to school next week. Your responses have been shared with the relevant teachers and will be really helpful in planning and supporting your children during the next few weeks.

It is clear that, although most children are excited to be returning, there is a significant number of children who are understandably anxious. Please find a link below to a Thrive resource, 'Ten Tips to Help Parents Prepare Children for the Full Return to School', which may be useful. The first few days back will be all about settling in and getting used to being in a collaborative working environment once more. Teachers will be using the three weeks up to Easter to recap on the key Spring Term objectives and to assess the children to identify any key areas for catch up.

<https://www.thriveapproach.com/ten-tips-to-help-parents-prepare-children-for-the-full-return-to-school/>

Please ensure that masks are worn for pick up and drop off and that social distancing regulations are followed. Only one adult should drop off or pick up and they must leave the area as soon as they have dropped off or collected their child. If you have any messages for school, please phone or email the office rather than passing them on at the gate. Thank you for your cooperation in these measures to keep all in our community safe and to prevent the need for a further lockdown.

Finally, we cannot wait to have all of our children back in school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your sterling efforts in supporting your children with their home learning. I appreciate it has been really difficult, particularly for those of you trying to work at the same time and for those of you with younger children, who cannot focus for long on any one task. I wish you all a well-earned break from your screens and a relaxing weekend.



World Book Day

Congratulations to Year 4 on becoming World Record Breakers!! You have officially taken part in the world's longest on-line reading relay! What a phenomenal achievement and one which took many hours of preparation, both in school and at home! You read brilliantly and looked amazing in your World Book Day costumes.

Well done to all who dressed up and took part in World Book day both in school and at home— there were some wonderful costumes and some really entertaining stories and poems shared virtually between home and school. Another first for St. Margaret's!



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Junior Awards...

Orange Class: Felicity M.-For her excellent home learning – you have worked exceptionally hard during the whole of lockdown.

Euan P.-For his superb diary entry this week – it was a really high -quality piece of writing.

Purple Class: Samuel J.-For his fantastic attitude towards home-learning. He has worked so hard in every single lesson and has produced excellent pieces of work.

Tanvi P.-For her kindness. She is always thinking of others.

Brown Class: James G.-For the perseverance and determination he has shown whilst working from home. I have seen many impressive pieces of work throughout lockdown

Ted W.- For working hard both at home and in school and making an excellent contribution to lessons.

White Class: Sonny R.-For having a great attitude to learning throughout lockdown and a super outfit for WBD.

Sophia G.-For trying hard and staying focused in lessons. A brilliant outfit too for WBD.

Mauve Class: Charlotte S.-Charlotte has consistently worked hard at her home learning and I have been impressed by her resilience and determination, particularly in maths.

Arabelle M.-For her hard work and resilience with fractions this week. Arabelle has consistently tried her best and shown that perseverance and determination pay off.

Grey Class: Thomas P and Leon T.-For their consistent hard work and enthusiastic attitude towards home learning and class meetings.

Sophia B.-For her enthusiasm and great standard of work, both at school and at home.

Silver Class: Lucy B.-for working hard at home and produced some good work.

Oliver F.– for being much more focused in the classroom and trying hard.

Gold Class: Barney F.-For really trying hard with his home learning and having a great World Book Day costume!

Sam D.– For being enthusiastic in all lessons and producing great work!

Infant Awards

Red Class: Alex C-- For trying hard to write a sentence independently.

Erin M.-For always being so hardworking and having such a positive attitude. Your confidence has grown so much this term!

Blue Class: Ethelin H-For always trying hard with the set activities. Ethelin made a fantastic unicorn mask for World Book Day.

Archie R.-Excellent investigating using cubes to make Numberblocks and creating number sentences.

Green Class: Quincy M.-For excellent communication skills during our Google meets.

Henry C.-For an excellent piece of writing in his Houses and Homes booklet.

Rainbow Class: Matthew R.- For playing a beautiful tune on the keyboard during our mini meet.

Hannah P.-For learning her 7 times tables as a growth mind-set challenge.

Yellow Class: Xanda H.-Working hard throughout lockdown, making excellent progress and always smiling in our meetings!

Bethan F.-Working hard in school and at home and always trying her best.

Lilac Class: Constance Y.-For a consistently good attitude throughout lockdown. Constance listens, shares her ideas and produces excellent work.

Sascha K.-For his superb imagination when writing a story with Mrs Brown on World Book Day.

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

Lucy R	Ivie I	Liam B	Isabelle S
Jacob L	Isaac B	Ben B	Leo H
Molly Q-H	Freya K	Eliza L	Francesca W
Ethan M			



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Year Group

Messages & Reminders



Reception	Reception PE will be on a Tuesday. Blue Class will be doing Forest Schools on Thursday 11th March and Red Class on Friday 12th March.
Year 1	Year 1 PE will be on a Tuesday.
Year 2	Year 2 PE will be on a Tuesday.
Year 3	Year 3 PE will be on a Thursday.
Year 4	Year 4 PE will be on a Thursday.
Year 5	Year 5 PE will be on a Wednesday.
Year 6	Year 6 PE will be on a Friday.
Whole School	<p>NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.</p> <p>Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below. You should not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose. Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college.</p> <p>Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have</p> <p>Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.</p> <p>Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• through your employer, if they offer testing to employees• by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests• by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most. <p>If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.</p> <p>Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.</p> <p>Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.</p> <p>Further information can be found by following this link: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff</p>