



# St. Margaret's CE Primary School

Weekly Update 10th December 2021



## Covid

As we now have several Covid outbreaks across the school I implore you to be vigilant, and to keep your children at home if they have any cold or flu like symptoms. Many children have no symptoms at all- if you know that your child has been close to a child that has tested positive it would be wise to do a lateral flow test. If a family member has tested positive, then all within the household bubble should go for a PCR test and not return to school until a negative result has been returned.

Last school year, several children entered the Gilesgate Story Challenge writing competition. Stories needed to be based around British Wildlife. We are delighted to report that several St Margaret's children can now say that they are published authors, with their stories appearing in the anthology.

Congratulations to Finja W. who came in second place with her story 'D is For Detecting!'. Shortlisted authors included Maja K., Lucy R., Ted W. and Mille H. Special mentions went to Ellie D., Samuel S., Harrison M., Iris F., Joe F., Leo P., Louis D., Maria W., Lucas M., Mason S., Riley M., Sebastian C., Ted E., Felix H., Felicity M. and Clara S.

The book launch takes place at Rainton Meadows this Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 1-3pm. The Northern Echo and Durham Live will be in attendance.

## **Winter School Support Fund**

Given the ever rising costs in living, many of our families are feeling the squeeze. Funding is available from the Local Authority for those in need of support to buy essential school uniform and equipment including (but not exclusively):

- Winter clothing (including coats, hats, gloves)
- Winter footwear
- Essential school uniform (including PE kit)
- Underwear /socks
- Essential school equipment (including stationery, school bags etc.)

If you feel this would be helpful to you, please arrange to speak to Mrs Tait. All calls will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

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

Ben L    Erin M    Cindy S  
Matthew T    Constance Y    Henry C



"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your father in heaven", Matthew ch5 v16



## Year Group

### Messages & Reminders



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| Reception    | Reception will be taking part in a Multiskills event in school on Tuesday 14th December, and will need to come to school dressed in their PE kit.<br>The Infant Christmas party will be on Thursday 16th December. |
| Year 1       | The Infant Christmas party will be on Thursday 16th December.  |
| Year 2       | The Infant Christmas party will be on Thursday 16th December.  |
| Year 3       | The Y3 Christmas Party has now been changed to Friday 17th December.   |
| Year 4       | There will be no swimming lessons for Y4 next week.  |
| Year 5       | Y5 will be doing a Forest Schools session on Monday 13th December, and will need to come to school dressed in their Forest Schools kit.  |
| Year 6       | The Y6 Christmas Party will be on Tuesday 14th December.   |
| Whole School | Christmas dinner and jumper day will be on Wednesday 15th December.<br><br>All PE lessons will be outside next week, weather depending. Please ensure that your children are wrapped up warm.                      |