

NEWSLETTER

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LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

13th January 2023

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year.

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you all had a lovely, restful time over the Christmas break. It has been great to see all of the children back in school and ready to learn.

Mother Victoria has become a familiar face around school and delivering weekly worship. She has been very impressed with the children's biblical knowledge and behaviour.

Mrs Shepherd

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This week all clubs have started back up again. We are currently offering football (years 4,5,6), multi skills (years 3 and 4), Lego club (Year 2) and Choir (years 3,4,5,6). I have an overview of all clubs that we have already offered and will be offering in Spring 2 and the Summer term to ensure all year groups are being offered clubs. We have forest school, cooking, art and music coming up over the next term and a half. Currently, school pays for the football and multi skills club and school staff run all the other clubs in their own time, something of which I am very appreciative.

In addition to the various afterschool clubs, staff are using their own time to offer booster sessions to support your child with reading, writing or maths. If your child has been invited, can I please ask that you do your best to ensure they attend all sessions.

At St Margaret's at Hasbury, staff recognise that the teaching of English underpins a child's ability to access all areas of the curriculum through the development of fluent reading and an ability to organise and communicate their ideas effectively on paper. We would appreciate your support with our reading mission. Please can I ask that you spend 10-15 minutes every day reading with or to your child. This academic year has shown a significant decline in parental support for reading. Working together produces better outcomes for the children.

Ecclesiastes 4:9. *'Two are better than one because they have a good reward for their labour.'*

Panel Day. SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS!

Year 6 have had a workshop with The Anne Frank Trust on Equality. They have learned all about the short life of Anne and her inspirational diary writings. The children have also spent some time learning about the importance of equality in our very diverse society. The thoughts, views and opinions of the children have made us all very proud here at St Margaret's.



A reading challenge has been launched in Year 5/6 as our children begin their reading journey so that they can participate in the Dudley Children's Book Awards 2022. There are 6 exciting titles that many of the children will read in the coming months. They will then vote for their favourite. Please have a chat with your child about the texts and encourage them to talk about them at home.

Rubbish News!



We did it, hard work pays off! Dudley council and cabinet members have read all the children's letters and have been very impressed with their drive to improve the environment for the local community.

'I would like to thank you and the children of St Margaret's C of E Primary School for contacting me about this important issue'. James Morris

Prize Box Lunch is Back!



Our popular prize box lunch for School Census Day is back! On **Thursday 19th January** we are having a fun lunch time, with a box meal of either Pizza or Breaded Fish, with a side of curly fries, beans or sweetcorn. Jammy doughnuts or ice cream is on offer for dessert!

In addition to this tasty menu, one lucky child from each year group will win a **£10.00 Amazon Voucher**. Winning tickets will be hidden in the children's box meals. Only children who book a school dinner will have a chance of winning a ticket.



We hope to have as many children booking a school dinner on this day as possible. Booking a dinner on **Thursday 19th January** (Census Day) will also really help us as a school, secure vital funding for our school and your children, as the Government calculates part of our school funding based on the number of pupils having a school meal on census day.



Although we try our best to keep to the set menus, sometimes **our providers** struggle to source some food items and substitutes are made. Please rest assured that Devon in the kitchen knows children's allergens and ensures all food consumed is safe.

Can we also remind those parents who send a packed lunch into school with their children, that we are a nut-free school. Please ensure there are no nuts, or products containing nuts brought into school. Thank you.

Uniform

Just a gentle reminder that children should be wearing their winter uniform which is:

- Grey trousers/grey skirt/grey pinafore (not black)
- White polo shirt
- Xxx blue jumper/cardigan (with/without school logo)
- Black shoes (all black)

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- Black plain joggers/ black leggings
- School blue t shirt
- School hoody/school jumper/school cardigan
- Trainers



While the weather is still wet, can I please encourage all children to have a pair of wellies in school.



The Hare & Hounds Pub has now re-opened with new proprietors. They have kindly asked that parents do not use the car park when dropping off and picking up. We would be very grateful if you could respect their request.

Mother's Day

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 would like to cordially invite mums to a Mother's Day celebration on Friday 17th March at 2pm. More information will be sent out shortly.





Easter 2023

EYFS and KSI will be making Easter bonnets in school during the week of 27th March. There will be an Easter bonnet parade on the Keystage 1 playground at 2.30pm. We hope to see you there.

Keystage 2 will be having an Easter service in church, the date is to be confirmed.

Parent's Evening

We will be holding our second parent consultation during this half term. They will be held on Tuesday 14th February 2023 3.30pm -5.30pm and Wednesday 15th February 2023 – 5pm – 7pm. Booking for this is completed online via the School Life App. Bookings will open from Wednesday 18th January 2023.



Diary Dates:

Sunday 15th January 2023 – Applications for Reception 2023/4 Admissions Deadline

Monday 16th January 2023 – 5-6pm Internet Safety – Parent's Meeting

Wednesday 18th January 2023 – Parents' Evening Bookings Open on School Life

Thursday 19th January 2023 – Prize Box Lunch Day!

Friday 20th January 2023 – Y5 & Y6 – Arc Theatre Health & Safety Performance

Wednesday 25th January 2023 – Y6 NHS Height & Weight Checks

Monday 6th February 2023 – School Team Football Match

Monday 13th February 2023 – Y4 & Y5 Kereen Getten Author Visit

Tuesday 14th February 2023 – Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30pm

Wednesday 15th February 2023 – Parent Consultations 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Friday 3rd March 2023 – Y1 – School Trip to BCLM

Monday 24th July 2023 – INSET DAY

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