

NEWSLETTER

July 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope this letter finds everyone well. I always wonder if autumn 2 or summer 2 is the busiest term? I've come to the conclusion, that they are both just as busy as each other with lots of exciting events.

I have ensured all dates for the rest of this term are in this newsletter along with dates for the next academic year, please note we have two inset days in September, which are the 2nd and 3rd. I am sure there are some families out there who are starting to think about school uniform for the next academic year. Please remember that will be the autumn/winter school uniform and not summer dresses/shorts. One change to the uniform to note is the socks/tights. Across school all children should wear **plain grey** socks/tights only please. I have never known such a year where so many children have come into school not wearing the correct uniform, please can I respectfully ask that you send your child/children to school in the correct uniform and with everything they are going to need for a successful and productive day at school.

As many of you will be aware, changes to school attendance are coming into force in September 2024. I will communicate what this means for St Margarets in September when Dudley have released their processes.

As I mentioned above, this term is extremely busy in school, and I can imagine your family lives are too! On many occasions I have communicated that the method of being kept up to date with events and changes in school is to ensure that you are logged into the 'school life' app. Unfortunately, when deadlines are missed, we cannot accept any reply slips or request for tickets etc. This is not because we are being awkward but because it creates an excess of unnecessary work for the office staff and reminders are given.

Building update

I have attended many meetings over the last few months with contractors regarding the kitchen, electrics, water heater, lights, roof and the KSI building. The kitchen, electric, water heater and KSI building are all having work carried out over the six weeks holiday and I have been informed that everything will be completed ready for September 3rd. I would like to thank Aria and Alba for contacting Alex Ballinger and raising their concerns about the school kitchen, two children living out our school vales.

Regards
Mrs Shepherd

LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

Cake Sale. £464.47 was raised. Thank you so much for all your support. The children are over the moon with having this amount to spend on playground equipment



Creative Arts Performance

I think you will agree that we have a school where children enjoy singing. There is nothing that fills me with joy more than hearing the whole school sing together. The afternoon performance was a super opportunity for year groups to showcase their musical talent. The children demonstrated that they can sing in tune, read notation, have a strong sense of pulse and can perform using a range of instruments. School has just received its Certificate of Recognition. We are a Music Mark School.



Science Selfie

A huge thank you to everyone who sent an entry in for the science selfie competition. We have certainly got some great scientists in our school. It was lovely to see so many parents involved too. We had observations, investigations, research using secondary resources, pattern seeking and identifying, classifying & grouping - not to mention the odd chemical reaction!

A massive well done to all who took part. Our Year 1- 3 winner was Paige and our Year 4-5 winner was Scarlett. Don't worry if you didn't enter this year we will be running another competition next year.

Coding Club

There has been lots of physical computing going on, coding with inputs, loops, various sensors, radio signals between microbits and animation. Children coded themselves onto our microbits.



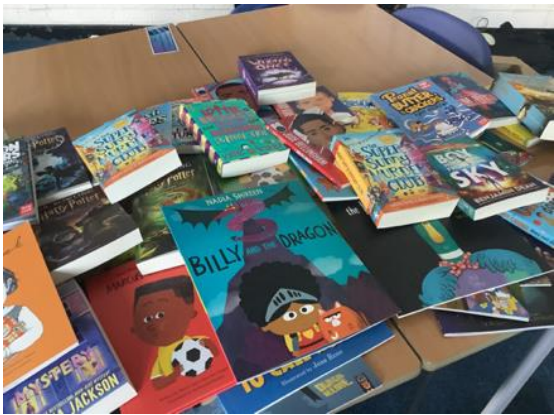
A huge thank you for your support at the Book Fair, after consultation with the children, new books are on their way to their classrooms. This is only possible with your support- so a huge well done to all.

Year 4 were fortunate enough to take part in a live streamed webinar with author Jamie Smart. He showed the class how to create some of the characters that feature in the comic.

I liked how he showed us how to draw each character in the book. He showed us how to make a comic strip. Jamie

We drew different pictures of the characters in his book. I enjoyed it because it was fun challenge I enjoyed drawing each character. Oliver

We drew some pictures, following the same steps that he did to make them in his book, making the two main characters. I found it fun because the characters were really silly, and we could make a creative comic strip with them. Georgie



Diary Dates:

Wednesday 3rd July – KS2 performance. Afternoon - time to be confirmed. Evening 6pm

Thursday 4th July – Sponsored run/walk and picnic 10.30am

Thursday 4th July – Summer Disco. Reception and KSI 3.30pm – 4.45pm. KS2 5.00pm – 6.15pm

Tuesday 9th July- Friday 12th July – Yr6 residential

Wednesday 17th July – Open night, 3.30pm – 5.00pm This is an opportunity to see your child's work and visit their new classroom.

Thursday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers Service in the church at 9.15am

Thursday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers party 5pm-7pm

Friday 19th July - Break up for summer

Monday 22nd July – **INSET day**

Summer Holidays

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September – **INSET days**

Wednesday 4th September – school is open for children

Friday 20th September – **Reception Welcome Service and Phonics Workshop**

Tuesday 22nd October – 5pm – 7pm – **Parent's evening, Reception – Year 6**

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Friday 25th October – **Individual and sibling photos**

Half Term – Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November

Wednesday 11th December – 9.30am – **KSI Christmas Production**

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Wednesday 18th December – 2.00pm – **KS2 Christingle**

Thursday 19th December – 9.30am – **EYFS Christmas Concert**

Break up for Christmas Friday 20th December

Monday 6th January – INSET day