



St Margaret's CEVA School Newsletter

Date: 03/02/2023

Good afternoon,

We have had an excellent few weeks with lots of exciting activities taking place in and out of school.

You will remember the wonderful work we did with Andrew Moffat and the No Outsiders project, well we have continued this with Pete the Poet. Last week we asked him to help us write a school poem. Pete worked with every class, including pre-school, to create a poem that represents our inclusiveness. Watch out for it appearing on a wall near you soon! (As a poster - no graffiti!)

The cross country event was very well attended on Wednesday 1st February. Thank you to all the parents that came along to support us. We have some amazing runners at St Margaret's and I was very proud of them all last night. Year 2 pupils also joined us for the first time and they did very well.

We have started recording our first podcast for the Royal Horticultural Society! It is a quick introduction to who we are and we can't wait to get going with the rest of the recordings. The press are becoming very interested in our venture, we are appearing in the County Gazette this week and other papers have been in touch asking to run the story too. The official launch is happening on February 20th and we will let you know how you can tune in as soon as we know! (All pupils will be appearing at some point so please make sure your permissions are up to date regarding school being able to share your child's image).

Please click on the link for advice on supporting children's' mental health. Next week is Children's Mental Health week and we will be supporting this in our lessons. Please have a look at the new 'Health

and Wellbeing' tab on our website. We are just starting to add resources that may of interest to you and your child.

[Somerset children & young people : Health & Wellbeing : Bulletin \(cypsomersethealth.org\)](http://cypsomersethealth.org)

The 'no cars in school' rule was broken today!!! Amelia and Martha proudly drove through the school in their independently designed and decorated, magnificent pink vehicle! We all want one now.

Brilliant creative skills, critical thinking, co-ordination, independent investigating and most importantly a whole lot of fun!

Well done!

Just a little reminder to park considerately in Vicarage Street. The children have a limited space to walk and parking over the white lines means they have to walk in the road.

Ms Robinson









Lunch Orders

School dinners are now available to purchase for the 2nd half of the Spring Term.

If you have a smart phone, please can you download the IRIS ParentMail app if you haven't done so already, and log in with your email address, which is linked to the school. Go to the accounts section and you should be able to go in and view your child/ren lunch options, remember to scroll up and down to view each day and continue to payment to complete each week.

Before and after school care

Sessions for February are available for you to purchase.

YPSGA - Cross Country

1014 children from **27 schools** have completed at least one of our three races so far this school year - this is amazing, well done to those who took part in these events!

Next Events:

Race 5 - Wednesday 1st March -TBC

Race 6 - Wednesday 22nd March - Yeovil/Mudford Rec *TBC*

Junior Park Run - for any of your children who like running

Yeovil Junior Park Run for children ages 4 - 14, every Sunday, 9.00am Yeovil/Mudford Rec.

Register online for free and come as many times as they like!



Please spread the word

School Uniform Policy

As we have moved back into a normal school routine, when we return after Half Term, the school uniform policy will resume.

On the days which the children have P.E or Forest School, they will need to bring their clothes to change in to. Wellie boots and Plimsolls are not appropriate for all-day wear but children can bring these also to change in to.

Jewellery is not permitted. Only stud ear-rings are to be worn in respect of our School Health and Safety Policy and covered prior to the P.E lesson.

Hair accessories should be without adornments and in school colours.

School Uniform

It is preferred that parents keep to the school uniform and school colours.

Grey trousers / shorts / skirt / pinafore dress

White aertex short-sleeved shirt

Red sweatshirt / Cardigan

Grey socks / White Socks / Tights / Black shoes

Red sweatshirts/aertex shirts with School logo may also be purchased from the National School wear Centre in town (Yeovil).

Trainers are not appropriate for School Uniform.

Only stud ear-rings are to be worn in respect of our School Health and Safety Policy and covered prior to the PE lesson. Children are advised not to wear earrings on days they have PE.

During the summer, Summer Dresses may be worn if they are red and white checked.

PE Kit

Navy/black shorts, red t-shirt and black plimsolls, all marked with the child's name. Navy/black jogging bottoms will be required for colder weather. These should all be in a named bag and left in school during the week. We do suggest that all children have trainers (with laces or Velcro,) they are necessary for all Physical Education activities.

Swap Shop/PTA preloved uniform

We work alongside Jones Building Group to provide free uniform for families. If you require any uniform with or without the school logo please let the office know and we will happily contact Jones Building Group or our PTA to organise this.

Governors wanted!

We currently have vacancies for Governor roles. If this is something you think you may be interested in, please fill out a nomination form available from the office.

Registered childminders

Do we have any registered childminders with availability within our school community?

If we do, please get in touch with the school office.

More Gardening Success

<https://www.somersetcountygazette.co.uk/news/23289791.yeovil-primary-school-achieves-gardening-award/>

Absence

If your child/ren are going to be absent from school, please can you ensure you notify the office before **09:30am** and provide us with a reason. Please do not put unwell or poorly.

Attendance

We realise that sometimes, that the start of the day can be quite tricky for some children, however, children are expected to attend the whole school day. If there is an unavoidable absence, please do not forget to phone and leave a message on the absence option, or email via ParentMail with a full explanation. (Unwell is not acceptable, more detail is required)

A reminder that the Education Act 1996 states that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that their child regularly attends the school at which they are on roll.

Spring Term dates

Date:	Event:	Details:
3 rd February	Reading Ambassadors	Achievement Assembly
6 th February	E Safety Week	
8 th February	Literacy Parent/child session	Explorer Class 2:30am
9 th February	Literacy Parent/child session	Creator & Investigator classes 11:00am
10 th February	Achievement	Achievement Assembly
22 nd February	Ash Wednesday service at St Margaret's Church	Whole School 2:30pm
24 th February	Reading Ambassadors	Achievement Assembly
1 st March	Cross Country	Venue TBC, 4:00 – 6:00pm
1 st March	Numeracy Parent/child session	Explorer Class 2:30pm
2 nd March	World Book Day	
2 nd March	Numeracy Parent/ child session	Creator & Investigator classes 09:30am
3 rd March	Achievement	Achievement Assembly
10 th March	Reading Ambassadors	Achievement Assembly
17 th March	Achievement	Achievement Assembly
21 st & 22 nd March	Parents Evening	Times TBC
24 th March	Reading Ambassadors	Achievement Assembly
30 th March	Easter Service at St Margaret's Church	Whole School 2:30pm
31 st March	Special Achievement Awards	Achievement Assembly

Somerset School Terms and Holidays

September 2022							October 2022							November 2022						
M			5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31	M			7	14	21	28
Tu			6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25		Tu		1	8	15	22	29
W			7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26		W		2	9	16	23	30
Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27		Th		3	10	17	24	
F		2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28		F		4	11	18	25	
Sa		3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29		Sa		5	12	19	26	
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December 2022							January 2023							February 2023						
M			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30	M			6	13	20	27
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March 2023							April 2023							May 2023						
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June 2023							July 2023							August 2023						
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Prayer/Poem of the week

Care

Dear God,

Thank you for this wonderful world that you have made and all the people, animals and the plants.

Help us to respect each other, care for what we have and remember what you have done for us.

Thank you that you are always there for us, and you help us through all situations in life.

We pray for all the care homes, hospitals, respite centres and retreats in our community and across our county. Thank you that we are able to support each other in many ways.

Look after all the people who work in these settings and in our schools across the country.

Amen

If you are worried about a child or young person who may be in danger,

Please contact:

- Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224
- or by email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk
- The police on 999

for more information please go to: <http://www.somerset.gov.uk/childrens-services/safeguarding-children/report-a-child-at-risk/>

