



St Margaret's CEVA School Newsletter

May - 2023

Good afternoon

May was a busy month! We started off with our photographs being taken – what a good looking bunch you all are! We hope you are enjoying the pictures, they are such a lovely way of keeping treasured memories. (or in my own case, trying to justify the haircuts and fashion many years latter J)

Thank you to everyone that is contributing toward our 'OPAL stash'. The children are really enjoying the more imaginative play. We have had pirate ships, theatre stages, zip wires and tree climbing most lunch times. The impact it is already having is very positive and we are looking forward to growing the project further.

Thank you to everybody who contributed to our fundraiser for the school flagpole. Doesn't it look amazing? Each week we will celebrate the winning house by flying their colour flag. Thank you to Mr Morgan for installing the Flagpole for us and to Mrs Hallett and children for planting the Lavender.

Our Coronation celebration was a great success and thank you to everyone that came along to join in with us and a very special thank you to our extraordinary cake makers! Wow they were unbelievable and very tasty. It was really good to see the school community come together to celebrate this event. Special thank you to Mrs Samways for all the face painting and our PTA for offering refreshments.

Year 6 had an entertaining week completing their SATs. We are so proud of them for all the hard work and commitment they have shown. Year 2 have also been completing their SATs last week. They were also committed and resilient and we are very proud of them!

Our last two classrooms have been brought into present day with the addition of interactive smartboards! The children are very impressed and the teachers are able to use all of the latest technology. We wouldn't have been able to purchase these without the generous support of Yeo Vale Rotary Club. We really appreciate our relationship with them and are very grateful for their support.

Half term is upon us already and it looks like we are going to have decent weather.

Make the most of the break and we will see you here on Tuesday 6th June.

Thank you for all your support this half term.

Ms Robinson



Maypole Workshop



Last Thursday the children all took part in our Maypole Workshop which was held by Alison Rowley, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Discoverers

May saw us celebrating the King's coronation and the children had fun making and adorning their very own crowns. The warmer weather has given us lots of opportunities to make the most of our lovely grounds and all they have to offer. We are looking forward to next term, when we do lots more learning outside.





St Margaret's Coronation Cake Off

Thank you all for taking part such a wonderful event. We had lots of amazing entries, making it impossible to choose. A Special well done to Bethany for making the winning entry!



175 Year Celebrations



The school is turning 175 Years old on Friday and what a better way to celebrate with a good old fashioned party.

We will be Maypole and Country Dancing, enjoying ice cream and taking part in a battle of the schools with a tug of war!

This really should be a lovely event and one to all enjoy together.

St Margaret's Circus



A reminder that tickets are still available and can be purchased through the PTA.

Inter-Cross Country Selection

Congratulations to Lacey for coming 11th in her Year 5/6 Race, it was a fast paced race and one to be very proud of!



Achievements

A massive well done to Ebony for fighting her way through to become Western Countries Champion!



Kodie received a Sky Diving Experience for her birthday this year! What a fabulous thing to do, well done Kodie!

Esmé-Elora is doing really well in Rainbows, and squirrel scouts, even receiving her 1st badge. Esmé-Elora gives it her all, especially when she is really tired from school, she continues to have 100% attendance - Well done for giving it your best!

Well done to all of our children and their achievements - If your child/ren has achieved something outside of school, please do email us in with photos and messages, we'd love to hear about them.



Through fun, friendship, challenge and adventure we empower members to find their voice, inspiring them to discover the best in themselves and to make a positive difference in their community.

Our Units are run exclusively by volunteers and costs to families are kept to a minimum through fund raising, grants and Easyfundraising but the benefits to members (child or adult) is priceless.

Ready to join the fun? Search 'girlguiding'. Register your interest today! <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

School Community Tidy Up Day

On Sunday 25th June, we will be holding our School Community Tidy Up day. Please keep this date free if you are able to help us.

More details will follow.

St Margaret's Seed Library



St Margaret's Seed Library We are very excited to be creating a 'seed library'. It will work much like a traditional library, anyone connected to the school or local community can "borrow" seeds from the seed library at planting time. Grow and enjoy them in your gardens and then at the end of the growing season, collect and save the seeds from the plants you have grown and return a portion of the seeds to the library ready for the next year. Some of our children have already begun to help make our own paper envelopes and divide up the seeds we collected at the end of the summer. At the moment we have a range of flower seeds including sweet peas, marigolds, hollyhocks, sunflowers and some wildflower mixes. We also have some peas, beans and onions. If you would like to support our new adventure and have any spare seeds that you would like to donate, please drop them into the school office and we will add them to the library. The seed library will be opening in March. Initially, this will simply involve a box outside the school at the end of the day which you can help yourself to and will also include some growing guides. We will continue to develop our library resources as the project progresses. Once you have 'borrowed' some seeds and started your own growing adventure, we would love to see pictures of your plants growing and where you have put them in your gardens. It would be great to share these and encourage as many people as possible to take part and offer support to each other.

Swimming for Investigators

Reminder for all of Investigators class, that we will be swimming for the Summer term on Monday's, due to limited time we have arriving departing at the swimming pool, we ask the children to please come dressed swim ready under their school uniform. Thank you.

Nut Free

We are a nut free school. Please can you therefore ensure any snacks and lunch boxes reflect this. Thank you.



School Uniform Policy

School Uniform

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

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.

Lunch Orders

School dinners are now available to purchase for the first part of the Summer 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.

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.

Summer Term Diary Dates

Date:	Event:	Details:
5 th May	Coronation Celebrations	2:30pm start, including cake competition
18 th May	Maypole workshop	Whole school
25 th May	Pentacost service	9:30am start, St Margaret's church
26 th May	175 Year Celebrations	12:00-3:30pm, families invited to join us for picnic, country dancing, maypole dancing, ice creams & games
19 th June	Sports day	Whole school
26 th June	Sports Day	Whole school Reserve date
3 rd July	New Parents Welcome Evening	4:00pm start in Explorers classroom
5 th July	Shuffle Up Day	Whole school
11 th July	Year 6 Dress Rehearsal	
12 th July	Year 6 Performance	
12 th July	Discoverers Graduation Day	14:00pm start
14 th July	Reports	
13 th July	Year 6 pool party	Tintinhull Pool – Year 6
20 th July	Year 6 Classtonbury	

St Margaret's CEVA school - 2023/2024 Academic Year

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1 - Inset days have been added to the calendar

SUMMER

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for summer and all the joy it can bring.

Help us to relax our bodies, restore our minds and refresh our souls.

Be with us, God, as we enjoy this beautiful season with family and friends.

Help us show your love, goodness, hope, joy and peace with all we meet.

We pray for those who have to work.

For every blessing, every breath, every season, we thank you.

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/>

