



St Margaret's CEVA School Newsletter

21.4.23

April - 2023

Hello

I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break.

Summer term is here and we are eagerly anticipating many exciting events happening over the next few weeks.

As you know OFSTED came to visit us in February. We have just received the final report. It will be available to read on the website by Thursday 27th April. As it is officially out, we are now allowed to talk to you about it. If you want to know anything please do come and ask.

Have you booked your car in for a super wash? The Year 6 children have moved away from cakes and are now working even harder to raise funds for their residential. Car washing takes place on Thursdays, please contact the office if you would like to book in. If you could share this with friends and family we would very much appreciate it.

We have welcomed Miss Thick to Investigator class this week. We are very excited to have her join us and she is looking forward to getting to know you all. We will be holding an additional 'lesson drop in' so that parents of Investigator children can come and meet her properly. Date to follow.

As you can see from the calendar dates below, we are heading into a very busy term!

Take care everyone

Ms Robinson





Discoverers

This week in Discoverers, we have enjoyed exploring some new resources. We have built houses, furniture and bridges with the bricks and planks and made some super ramps, towers and structures with the natural wood loose parts. The children have demonstrated so many skills with these activities and have had lots of fun.





New outdoor equipment

We've all been enjoying the new loose parts equipment!









St Margaret's Coronation Cake Off



175 Year Celebrations



The school is turning 175 Years old 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 to enjoy together.

Inter-Cross Country Selection

Congratulations to Lacey for making the inter cross country team. Lacey will represent the Yeovil Area in May - Good luck!

Little Princess Trust

Bethany has spent almost 2 years growing her hair to cut for the Little Princess Trust. On 6th April, she was very brave and had just over 10 inches cut off to give hair and hope to young people with cancer. Not only that, but she's also raised an amazing £244 in sponsorship which will also go straight to the charity. As she should be, she's super proud of herself and so are we - Well done Bethany, what a wonderful thing to do!



Achievements

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!

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
5 th July	Shuffle Up Day	Whole school
7 th July	New Parents Welcome Evening	4:00pm start in Investigators classroom
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

Wisdom

Dear Lord,

It is so easy to be influenced by others, either to do good or bad things.

Give me wisdom to be influenced by the right things and the right people who have good hearts and sound judgement.

Help me also to influence others in a positive way, when they might not be doing the right thing.

God, help me manage peer pressure and always do what is right, even when its not 'easy' thing to do.
Guide me, Lord.

Help us all to learn from you, God, and use any wisdom gained from books, school and adults for good.

Help us all to behave wisely, so that wee might lead honest, moral lives.

Lord, let us glorify you through our actions, thoughts and deeds today.

Finally, help us God to make wise decisions even when these decisions might be tough.

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/>

