



St Margaret's CEVA School Newsletter

Good afternoon

Well what a week this has been. As you are aware we had some special visitors on Tuesday and Wednesday! Thank you to everyone that completed the parent survey or spoke to the inspectors, we really appreciate your feedback. The report will be available in approximately 6 weeks.

We had a lovely visit to the Church on Wednesday for our Ash Wednesday service. The children were wonderfully behaved and the singing was spectacular. Children were invited to receive a cross made from the ashes of palm leaves and blessed by Mrs Batstone. It was a lovely service and a wonderful way to finish off a rather busy inspection visit.

We are practising now for our Easter service and look forward to you joining us at the Church.

In the last newsletter we asked that uniform is worn to school every day now with PE & forest school clothes to be brought in on the days needed. (Or left here for the week – PE kit only) Thank you to all those that have remembered. The children are looking very smart.

Can I please send out a little reminder about snacks at break time – we do try to encourage healthy eating. Crisps and chocolate bars are not encouraged. If you are struggling with the rising cost of food, please let us know – we will be able to help!

Cross country slips have been sent out, please return them to the office. We did very well last time and I am looking forward to seeing how we get on next week.

Due to the strike action, Year 6 Literacy morning on 2nd March will be arranged.

Kind regards

Ms Robinson

E Safety Week



We had some important visitors in school for our E Safety week!

Both officers spent time with children in Years 4, 5 and 6, talking about the dangers of online platforms. They discussed age limits for having social media accounts and dangers of some of the most dangerous platforms. The children were really engaged and enjoyed the session. Both officers said they would be willing to deliver an online safety session for parents if there was enough interest. If you are interested, please contact the office and we will arrange.

Wednesday Ash Church Service

Children were invited to receive a cross made from the ashes of palm leaves and blessed by Mrs Batstone. It was a lovely service and enjoyed by all







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.

Going Nut Free

As of next week, Monday 27th February, we will be a nut free school. Please can you therefore ensure any snacks and lunch boxes reflect this. Thank you.



Before and after school care

Sessions for March 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 - Bucklers Mead Academy

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!

Book Fair



To promote reading for pleasure and to encourage our pupils to read more broadly, we are having a school book fair on **Tuesday 28th February, Wednesday 1st March & Thursday 2nd March 2023**. It will be held in school from 3:30 – 4:30pm each afternoon.

The book fair is being organised in conjunction with our local Usborne Partner, Debbie Legg, and every book purchased will go towards brand new **FREE** books for our school.

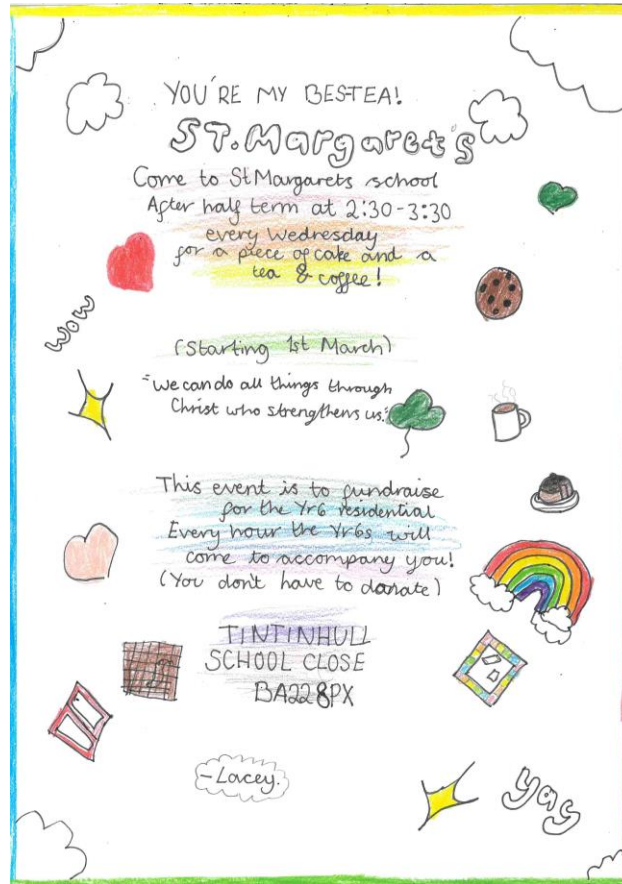


Tale of The Three Trees

On Wednesday 29th March, Key Stage 2 are performing the Easter Story of the Three Trees, if you would like to attend, please can you email the office. Please can we limit this to 2 seats for family members in the first instance.

Your child is more than willing to bring a snack on that day, further information about costumes will be sent out in due course.

Fundraising for the Year 6 Residential



Lacey in Year 6 will be selling origami book marks at the book fair to help raise funds for the Year 6 residential.

World Thinking Day 2023



Thank you to the children who participated in World Thinking Day on Wednesday 22nd February. It was great to see so many uniforms from the Scouts, Brownies, Rainbows, Beavers and Cubs.

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.

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.

St Margaret's Seed Library



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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.

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:
24 th February	Reading Ambassadors	Achievement Assembly
1 st March	Cross Country	Bucklers Mead Academy, 4:00pm – 6:00pm
1 st March	Numeracy Parent/child session	Explorer Class 2:30pm
2 nd March	Numeracy Parent/ child session	Creator & Investigator classes 09:30am
3 rd March	World Book Day	
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
22 nd March	Cross Country	Yeovil/ Mudford Rec 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	
Su		4	11	18	25		Su	2	9	16	23	30		Su		6	13	20	27	
December 2022							January 2023							February 2023						
M			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30	M			6	13	20	27
Tu			6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu			7	14	21	28
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March 2023							April 2023							May 2023						
M			6	13	20	27	M			3	10	17	24	M		1	8	15	22	29
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June 2023							July 2023							August 2023						
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Success

Dear Lord,

Help us to work hard, to focus on what we need to do at school and be successful.

Thank you that we belong to a successful school, with fantastic teachers and staff. Hard work, dedication and perseverance have helped us to achieve goals and be successful as we are.

Lord, give each one of us the strength to do the same in order to reach our full potential. Help us to support one another, spur each other on and be the best we can be at school, at home and in our communities.

Finally, God, in every task, with your help and guidance, help me do it well.

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/>

