



St Margaret's CEVA School Newsletter

July - 2023

Good afternoon

Well here we are at the end of the year already.

Today is a sad day as we wave goodbye to our Year 6 pupils but it is also an exciting one as we can't wait to hear about their successes as they begin the next part of their academic journey!

I think it is safe to say we have had quite an eventful year. Our sports competitions have attracted more pupils, we have some super athletes in our school. We celebrated our 175th birthday together – we are the diocese's oldest VA school! That is quite an achievement.

We paid our respects to Queen Elizabeth. We welcomed our new King and celebrated with a party! You made cakes for the celebration that were out of this world!

We embraced the OPAL play scheme and now regularly see children rolling down the hill in a barrel, being a dalek/robot/monster in our (clean) compost bin and gliding across the playground or we hear the delightful calls of happy children up a tree! We have had pirate ships, castles, mountains, dancing and lots of other imaginative games being played amongst the loose parts.

This is just an example of some of the events that have happened this year – don't forget we have also been learning a lot too!

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for all your support this year. As parents and carers you are a big part of the St Margaret's family and we really appreciate everything you do to support us. I would also like to say a big thank you to our PTA for all their fund raising, it takes a lot of dedication and we are very grateful for the time you give. Another huge thank you needs to go to our Governors! They have a vital role in school and are a source of support for staff and children alike!

Of course it goes without saying that I need to thank the staff. I am privileged to work with such a talented bunch and I appreciate all of them!

Look after each other during the next six weeks!

Stay safe.

September will be here before you know it!

Take care

Ms R and the St M team

Discoverers



We all enjoyed a fabulous fun morning with a bouncy castle and soft play, paid for by our wonderful PTA. The sun was shining, music was playing and the children all had a super time, ending the morning with a lovely cold ice pop.

Last week, parents and families came to share in our pre-school leavers Graduation celebration. We are extremely proud of all our children and we wish them all the very best as they move on up to their Reception class in September.

Achievements

It has been wonderful to see everyone's achievements inside and outside of school. Thank you for sending photographs and messages through out the Year. We look forward to see what next term brings.

St Margaret's Seed Library

Please check out our new seed library box, located at the front of the school. Please feel free to help yourself.



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.

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 week in September. Please can you ensure you have done this by Tuesday 18th July, failure to do so, will result in your order not being fulfilled.

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.

St Margaret's - Diary Dates 2023/2024

September		
4 th	INSET day	No children in school
12 th	PTFA AGM	TBC
13 th	Ronald Dahl Day	Details TBC
15 th	Carymoor Enviromental Trust Trip	Year 3 and Year 4 – all day
27 th	Cross Country Race 1	Rugby Club Times TBC
October		
5 th	The Tutankhamun Exhibition	Creators Class
6 th	Harvest Service	St Margaret's Church Whole school - 2pm
	Open day	
TBC	Parents evenings	
Date TBC	Wear it Yellow Day for St Margaret's Hospice	Whole school
18 th	Cross Country Race 2	Aldon Hill Times TBC
20 th	Flu Vaccination Programme	WHOLE SCHOOL
23 rd - 27 th	October HALF TERM	CLOSED
November		
	School tours available to book for new 2024 starters	Book via the school office
1 st	Cross Country Race 3	Yeovil Town Football Club Times TBC
14 th	School Photographer	pupil/parent/ family portraits Whole school photo
18 th	Children in Need	Details TBC
December		
8 th	Christmas Panto - Cinderella	Whole School - 13:00pm at Westlands Entertainment Venue
W/C 11 th TBC	Nativity dress rehearsal	
W/C 11 th TBC	Explorer & Investigators Nativity	2:00pm – parents welcome 5:00pm – parents welcome
13 th	Carole Service	St Margaret's Church Whole school 2pm
15 th	LAST DAY OF TERM	
18 th – 1 st	CHRISTMAS HALF TERM	CLOSED
January		
	Creator Class (Years 5 and 6) swimming this term	
2 nd – 3 rd	INSET days	No children in school
4 th	First day back	
9 th – 13 th	Book Week	
February		
12 th – 16 th	February HALF TERM	CLOSED
19 th	First day back	
	Ash Wednesday	
March		
7 th	World Book Day	Details TBC
10 th -19 th	Science Week	
	Parents evening	Details TBC
13 -15 th	Bikeability for Year 6	Year 6 only
17 th	Comic Relief	Details TBC
19 th	Northe Fort Trip	Creators Class
20 th and 21 st	WOW Day at Stanchester Academy	Details TBC
28 th	Easter Service	St Margaret's Church Whole School - 2pm
29 th	BANK HOLIDAY	CLOSED
April		
	Adventurers Class (Year 3 and 4) swimming this term	
1 st	BANK HOLIDAY	CLOSED
2 nd – 12 th	EASTER HALF TERM	CLOSED
23 rd	School Photographer	Class, leavers and Whole school photo
May		
6 th	BANK HOLIDAY	CLOSED
13 th	SATS WEEK	
9 th May	Ascension	Whole school - 2pm
24 th	INSET day	No children in school
27 th – 31 st	May HALF TERM	CLOSED
June		
3 rd	First day back	
17 th 24 th	Sports day & family picnic	Parents welcome details TBC including dates
26 th – 29 th	Year 6 Residential Trip	Year 6 - Braeside Education Centre
July		
1 st	Year 6 to secondary schools Step up to Preston Year 5's	Details TBC TBC
16 th	Key Stage 2 Production rehearsal	
17 th	Key Stage 2 Production	4:00pm
22 nd	Reports out	TBC
23 rd July	Leavers Service and Refreshments	Year 6 parents welcome - 11am St Margaret's
23 rd	LAST DAY OF TERM	
24 th	INSET day	No children in school
26 th – 30 th August	SUMMER HALF TERM	CLOSED

This is a working document and we will update with information as soon as we are able too.

St Margaret's - Academic Year Diary Dates 2023/2024

September 2023							October 2023							November 2023						
M			4	11	18	25	M		2	9	16	23	30	M			6	13	20	27
Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu			7	14	21	28
W			6	13	20	27	W		4	11	18	25		W		1	8	15	22	29
Th			7	14	21	28	Th		5	12	19	26		Th		2	9	16	23	30
F		1	8	15	22	29	F		6	13	20	27		F		3	10	17	24	
Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa		4	11	18	25	
Su		3	10	17	24		Su	1	8	15	22	29		Su		5	12	19	26	
December 2023							January 2024							February 2024						
M			4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26
Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			6	13	20	27
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F		1	8	15	22	29	F		5	12	19	26		F		2	9	16	23	
Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa		3	10	17	24	
Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28		Su		4	11	18	25	
March 2024							April 2024							May 2024						
M			4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			6	13	20	27
Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			7	14	21	28
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Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa		4	11	18	25	
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June 2024							July 2024							August 2024						
M			3	10	17	24	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26
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Sa		1	8	15	22	29	Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa		3	10	17	24	31
Su		2	9	16	23	30	Su		7	14	21	28		Su		4	11	18	25	

1 - Inset days have been added to the calendar

Prayer

SUMMER

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

We pray for those who don't have holidays to look forward to, those whose lives are difficult and 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/>

