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July 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

Farewells

We say a fond farewell to our lovely Class 6 children. They have had an ever increasingly busy end of year; residential trip to France, Bikeability, PTFA funded trip to Betteshanger Country Park and their outstanding 'Shakespeare Rocks!' production. We wish them all well as they embark on their secondary education and thank them for all that they have contributed to St. Margaret's School.

Friday, 22nd July 2016 – End of Term

School will finish at 2pm on the last day of term. Please make arrangements to collect your child at this earlier time.

Tuesday, 6th September – Term 1

We will be holding a staff training day on Monday, 5th September and will welcome the pupils back to school on **Tuesday, 6th September**.

Reports

If you have not done so already, please return the comment slip from your child's report as proof of receipt.

School Uniform

Please remember we are phasing out the school fleece jumper with effect from September 2016. These will no longer be available to purchase through PMG, our suppliers. These can continue to be worn, if you wish, but as they come to the end of their use, they will need to be replaced with a navy blue v neck knitted jumper or navy blue knitted cardigan – these are already part of our school uniform.

The white P.E. T-shirts are also to be phased out with the expectation that all children have the coloured T-shirt by Sports Day in June 2017. If you are not sure about which House your child is in - Blue Bay, Green Pines, Yellow Lighthouse or Red Cliff - please check with the office staff prior to ordering.

Items of school uniform can be ordered online at www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk, please do so by 12th August for delivery in time for the new school year. Remember to put the code STMCF in to claim your free delivery.

Please note that grey or white jumpers/cardigans are not permitted and neither are sweatshirts of any colour. School shoes (not boots or sandals) must be black and enclose your child's feet.



School Meals

All children in Classes R, 1 and 2 will be entitled to a free cooked school lunch every day. Children in our current Class 2 who have benefited from the free cooked lunch will, from September when they join Class 3, pay for their cooked school lunches with children in Classes 4, 5 and 6. The cost of a school dinner in September remains the same as this year at £2.30.

Attendance

As you know, the school closely monitors pupil attendance. Regular attendance at school is crucial if our pupils are to be successful.

I would remind you that I am not able to authorise leave of absence for the purpose of a family holiday. Requests for holidays in term time will **not** be authorised.

If the absence is not authorised and the holiday is taken anyway, the case may be referred to the Attendance Service who may issue a Penalty Notice to each parent for each child taken out of school. Further information can be found on our website.

Term Dates

Term dates for the 2016/2017 have already been sent out to assist you in booking holiday outside of term time, but I note again below the term dates for easy reference. Information regarding our five staff training days is also indicated below. Please note that children are not required to attend school on staff training days.

<u>TERM 1 2016</u>	Monday, 5 th September – Friday, 21 st October 2016
<u>TERM 2 2016</u>	Monday, 31 st October – Wednesday, 21 st December 2016
<u>TERM 3 2017</u>	Tuesday, 3 rd January – Friday, 10 th February 2017
<u>TERM 4 2017</u>	Monday, 20 th February – Thursday, 31 st March 2017
<u>TERM 5 2017</u>	Tuesday, 18 th April – Friday, 26 th May 2017
<u>TERM 6 2017</u>	Monday, 5 th June – Friday, 21 st July 2017

Staff Training Days (children not required to attend school)

Monday, 5th September 2016
Friday, 21st October 2016
Tuesday, 3rd January 2017
Friday, 10th February 2017
Monday, 5th June 2017

Thank you

Many thanks to you all for your support this year. In particular, I would like to thank the volunteer helpers who come in to work on reading with the children and our hard-working PTFA who have raised much appreciated additional funds through their events.

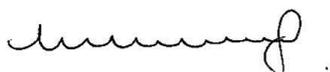
I would also like to thank all of the staff, each one of whom works tirelessly to ensure our provision for you and your children continues to be outstanding.



As always, should you have any queries or concerns please don't hesitate to speak to any of the staff – we are always very happy to clarify any aspect of our work and to help you with matters related to your child.

Finally, I wish you all a good summer and look forward to seeing you in September.

Yours sincerely



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