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21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Dear Parent/Carers

### **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 Bewl Water, Bikeability, PTFA funded trip to Betteshanger Country Park and their amazing 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies' production. At the Leavers' Service this week each member of the class was gifted a book. They have also produced a yearbook with memories about all members of the class – a lovely keepsake. 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.

As you will also know from previous letters we say goodbye to Mrs Louisa Wallis, Mrs Rebecca Collins and Mrs Gemma Geere who are leaving St Margaret's this term. Miss Caroline Woodward and Mrs Rebecca Comlay are also leaving us to take up positions at other schools. Mr Ricky Collins, our school caretaker, and Mrs Stacey Mills, Before School Childcare Supervisor, are moving on also. We thank them all for their time with us – I know you will all join with me in wishing them all well.

### **And Hello!**

We welcome new staff to the team who will start with us in September. As previously advised we welcome Miss Emma Owen, Miss Helen Moloney, Miss Eleanor Fordham and Mr Harry Wratten who will be taking up teaching positions. Mrs Tania Cheap and Mrs Rebecca Wagget will also be joining us as a 1:1 Teaching Assistants along with Miss Laura Claringbould who will be changing her role at school from midday supervisor to 1:1 Teaching Assistant. Mrs Tracey Parkin will be starting as a midday supervisor and Ms Michelle Bradford as a cleaner.

We also, of course, welcome a whole class full of new Reception children as well as children who will be joining other classes across the school.

### **Thank you**

I would like to take this opportunity to extend huge thanks to all members of our school community – children, families, staff and governors – who have all worked together so successfully during this last year. The staff have all been brilliant – working tirelessly, always with the best interests of the children at heart.

### **Looking Forward**

We will be holding staff training days on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Children in all classes return to school on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September** for the beginning of Term 1.



### **Drop-off arrangements will continue to be as follows:-**

The three gates to access the playground will open at **8.35am**. Classroom doors will open at this time also and children will go straight into class. Children must arrive by **8.50am**. Parent/carers may bring children onto the playground.

### **Collection Arrangements:-**

All classes will be dismissed at 3.15pm. The three gates to the playground will be open from 3.05pm. Please come on site and stay on the playground in an area outside your child's classroom. Parent/carers collecting children from Classes 3 and 4 should wait in the area outside their classroom doors. When the staff can see you and have had eye contact with you they will send your child to you.

### **Before School and After School Childcare Services**

These will resume from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – information will be sent out with regards making bookings. From September the Before School Childcare Service supervisors will be Mrs Tania Cheap and Miss Miya Robinson-Stevens

### **School Meals**

All children in Classes R, 1 and 2 will continue to be entitled to a free cooked school lunch every day and these are highly recommended.

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 unless they are entitled to means tested Free School Meals. If you need help to apply for Means Tested Free School Meals please contact the school office.

The cost of a school dinner in September will be £2.35. **Please note** that payment online direct to Whole School Meals is the only method for payment. To pay online use the following link <https://www.parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm/>. Cash/cheques will not be accepted.

### **PE Kits**

From the beginning of the new term in September children in classes 1-6 will need to bring a PE kit to school. This should be in a draw-string bag which they will keep on their peg. **No carrier bags please**. Reception Class will only need plimsolls in a draw-string bag. Once the term begins teachers will let you know which days each class has PE.

### **Pierced Ears**

Children cannot wear ear-rings during PE. If you are thinking of getting your child's ears pierced please do so at the beginning of the school summer holiday so they have time to heal in order for them to take their ear-rings out for PE lessons at school. Thank you for your support with this.

### **Water Bottles**

Please send in a water bottle every day with fresh water. Children may bring an additional flavoured drink to have at lunchtime.



## **Dates**

Dates for next year are being finalised and will be shared with you in September.

To confirm information already sent out, term dates are as follows:

TERM 1 2022	1 September 2022 - 21 October 2022
TERM 2 2022	31 October 2022 - 16 December 2022
TERM 3 2023	3 January 2023 - 10 February 2023
TERM 4 2023	20 February 2023 - 31 March 2023
TERM 5 2023	17 April 2023 - 26 May 2023
TERM 6 2023	5 June 2023 - 21 July 2023

The five training (INSET) days for the year will be:

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022  
Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022  
Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022  
Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023  
Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

In addition we have booked tickets for the Marlowe Theatre Pantomime for all children in Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 to attend during the last week of term before we break up for Christmas. For children in Classes R, 1 and 2 we have booked tickets to see 'Under the Frozen Moon' at the Gulbenkian Theatre in Canterbury in December.

## **And finally....**

I wish you all a good summer wherever you are and whatever you are doing and look forward to seeing you at school in the autumn.

Yours sincerely



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