



Spring Term Newsletter No. 12

This has been quite an emotional week for the staff as we have said 'Farewell' to our School Business Manager, Mrs Nicky Rogers who has worked at our school for 25 years. She has seen many changes over the years as the school has grown from its original seven classes to the fourteen we know today! Mrs Rogers has worked with three headteachers in this time (Mr Lock, Mr Breeze and Mrs Stell) and we have calculated that around 2,000 children have passed through the doors in this time!. We had a special assembly to wish Mrs Rogers a happy retirement and hope she will pop back to see us; not just because she makes the best brownies, but because she has been an incredibly special part of our school over the last 25 years and we will miss her very much!



It has also been an incredibly busy week and we thank all the families for getting so involved in everything we have done this week! Please do look on our website Home Page or at our Twitter feed to see some of the many photographs we have posted. This is Grandparent Gardening Week and we have loved seeing all the families coming in to work with different classes over the week to give the Orchard a much needed overhaul! The chickens have been moved to a more sheltered spot and we now have a greenhouse that looks like a greenhouse rather than a shed! Our Veg beds are prepped and some have been planted up with fruit and vegetables we will be using in our school dinners later in the year. Thank you so much to everyone who came in to help this week!

We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils:



- Ash —Ruby T always does her best and kindly helps her friends to do their best too!
- Ellie D has made an excellent effort in her writing, listening to the advice given.
- Elm — Hollie and Maisie. Both children have super knowledge of animals that hatch from eggs. They made an 'eggcellent' poster and wrote a label for each animal.
- Beech — Logan C has shown a fabulous improvement in his learning attitude.
- Pine — Elsie is aspirational with her writing. She always tried her best.
- Apple — Calleigh is sensible, respectful and responsible at all times.
- Oak — Jacob always tries his best. He is a wonderful pupil to have in the class.
- Birch — Corey was a fantastic help in the Orchard and has excellent classroom behaviour.
- Rowan — Ollie has tried hard all term and shown great responsibility and aspiration.
- Cherry — Lean has amazing ukulele skills! He has a real musical talent!
- Maple — Jess is kind to all around her—she even gave her Red Nose to someone who lost theirs.
- Holly — Katie has an amazing attitude to every aspect of her learning.
- Willow — Jacob made a great effort in a tessellation challenge, working independently!
- Hawthorn — Jake has been aspirational in challenging himself this half term.
- Hazel — Josh is superbly positive and participates well in lessons.

Diary Date Reminders:

Easter Holiday - 3rd April until 17th April
Tuesday 18th April—First Day of the Summer Term
Monday 24th April—Y2 Beach trip
Thursday 27th April—Y1 trip



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Hazel Class
for winning the
School Attendance Award
with 97.3% attendance.

The whole school achieved 96.2%
attendance overall which beats our tar-
get again. Well done!

HAPPY
EASTER

Thank you to the Y2 children for leading our Easter Assembly this week and telling the Easter story so well. We have had lots of Easter fun throughout the week with Foundation Stage children taking part in an Easter Egg Hunt—the Easter Bunny has been calling in every day leaving messages and clues! KS1 have had an afternoon of family fun with the children making their Easter bonnets ready for their parade tomorrow. The PTA have also treated all the children to an egg to thank you and them for supporting them at all their events.

It was Pine Class' turn to have an Outdoor Learning Day in the Orchard and we just had to share this photo! We reckon this is the muddiest we have ever managed to send a child home yet! (We think there is a child under all that mud, anyway!)



A few notes from the Office...

Please make sure you inform your child's class teacher in the morning whenever possible if you have made alternative arrangements for collection at the end of the day. We often have many phonecalls just before pick up time and the only way we can notify the teachers is to go the classrooms—as you can imagine if we have multiple classes to visit we have to leave the office empty and rush off to all the different classes. We understand if there is an emergency and you have no alternative but in all other situations can you please make your arrangements in good time and pass the information to your child and their teacher.

If you are experiencing difficulties signing in or even finding the eSchools app please call and ask. You have to type in the exact details on your login slip for it to recognise the school. If you have not downloaded the app yet please can we encourage you to do this over Easter so you can be sure you are receiving all the information we send out.

Lost Property is returned if you have named the items. All other lost property is kept in a box by the office for a short time before being recycled or reused. Please check here if you are missing belongings.

All the staff at St. Margaret's would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Easter. We hope the weather so good to us so we can all enjoy some fresh air and sunshine. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 18th April ready for the last term of the school year. It is incredible how quickly time is flying by!

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.