

ST MARGARET'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Attendance for the week ending 07/01/22: 92.27%



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start this newsletter by wishing you a happy 2022! We are already in the Spring term of this academic year and despite only being back for 4 days, there is already lots of wonderful learning taking place.

In Reception this week, they read the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children looked at the similarities and differences of how the pigs built their houses. They also looked at the features of old and modern homes. The Reception classes went on a virtual walk on Google Maps around Barking on a 'house hunt' for flats, bungalows and semi-detached and detached houses. They were even lucky to be able to spot a few of our own homes. In Y6, they have started to learn about Crime and Punishment in their topic sessions where they learn what happened hundreds of years ago, right up to the current day.

Unfortunately, this is yet another newsletter where I am having to mention Covid 19! As you will be aware, I sent a letter to you all regarding additional measures which we have put in place. These are additional to the strict and robust mitigating measures in place before Christmas. To further prevent staff and children from testing positive, this week, we have reintroduced consistent Assessment for Learning (Blue/Purple) groups in Year 1-6. The Assessment for Learning groups will help to reduce mixing for pupils and will be based upon the children's Literacy and Reading groups. Being in one class for the day, in addition to staff wearing visors in class, will be additional factors to help us all stay safe. During playtime and lunchtime, children will still be able to mix with their friends as they are outside. The same is the same for our extended services provision. I would like to remind you of the following steps below which you can do to help support our additional measures:

- Drop your child off at their allocated location and time. If your child needs to be accompanied to school, ideally only one parent or carer should drop off/ collect.
- Parents, carers and pupils should test at least twice a week using LFT tests - even if you feel well or have been vaccinated to help slow the spread of the virus. One in 3 people who have Covid-19 do not show any symptoms and can spread the virus without knowing it. By testing regularly, we can find out early who might have the virus and stop it from spreading into the community.
- Walk or cycle to school if possible.
- Refrain from gathering at the gates.
- Do not enter the site for any reason. If you need to pass a message to the teacher, then please phone the office who will pass on a message.
- Be contactable by phone at all times in case your child becomes unwell.
- Do not bring your child to school if they are displaying any COVID 19 symptoms.
- Book anybody in your family in for a PCR test if they are displaying COVID 19 symptoms

I would like to end this newsletter by a quote on protecting each other 'fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;

I will strengthen you, I will help you,

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.' Isaiah 41:10

I look forward to seeing you on Monday morning at 8:30.

Yours faithfully,
Mrs Bannon
Head of School

NURSE DROP IN

The next
School Nurse drop in
session is:

19th January 2022

9am - 10am

PAYMENTS

Can you please ensure
you pay for any
Afterschool Clubs over
the weekend that your
children may be starting
next week. They will be
unable to attend the first
session of the clubs until
payment has been made.

CLUBS

All afterschool clubs
are on a first come, first
serve basis with very
limited spaces. Signing
and returning the letter
is not confirmation of
your child's place, you
will always receive a
message to say that
your child has got in or
not. If your child does
not get into the club
first time around, they
will be placed on the
waiting list and when
there is a place
available we will
contact you.