

ST MARGARET'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Attendance for the week ending 11/02/2022: 94.85%



Dear Parents and Carers,

With February half term nearing, we can see the first beginnings of spring showing up this week. I have noticed the daffodil bulbs and snowdrops coming up and the days are getting longer. These are all welcome spring signs as we look forward to spending a week with our families during the February break.

This term, we have managed through very challenging circumstances in regards to significant staff absence due to high rates of Covid within our community. We have been committed to ensuring that children remain in school, learning remains face to face as much as possible and to mitigate the educational and mental health implications of the pandemic. We are pleased that we have been able to avoid closures. I know that this has not been the case for a number of other schools. At present, case rates in Barking and Dagenham continue to be high, but thankfully appear to be starting to reduce, albeit slowly. However, rates in children aged between 2 and 11 years continue to rise. We will therefore be continuing to operate our mitigation strategies to help protect all children, staff and our community.

I would like to congratulate all our pupils on their fabulous work, it has not only been a very busy and exciting half term but also a very successful one. There have been so many fabulous events over the last few weeks which I hope will be remembered by the children for a long time to come.

Not only have the children experienced some wonderful events, they have also been able to engage with solid and consistent learning. Having visited all classes, it is clear to see that children work really hard in class and at home. Many children have attended our booster sessions, our Saturday Plus and our Achievement School provision which have played such an important role in ensuring that all children continue to make excellent progress. These additional learning opportunities have proved to be ever so popular and I am delighted to let you know that we will continue with them during the next half term. For those children in Year 2 and Year 6, we are also opening the school during the first week of the Easter holiday and I will let you know more about this over the coming weeks.

In the next half term, we will have our second parent consultation evening and we are very excited to show you how well the children are doing. In the meantime, I cannot stress enough how important it is for you to continue to work with your child at home and particularly to read with your child every day. In March, we will be joining in with a live Sign Language lesson. This will be the biggest ever sign language lesson to take place! Derek, who will be leading the session will be teaching us basic sign language and then end with everyone signing a popular song!

Looking further ahead, we also have an array of Forest School trips taking place where the children will be taking part in project Cami and Conceal observing animal marking and how they conceal and camouflage in the local environment. Of course, no Forest School trip will be complete without a pitstop around the campfire to create a hot tasty snack!

Lastly, I would, again, like to bring your attention to the parking outside of the school gates. There have been numerous occasions where members of staff have tried to leave or enter the school and cannot due to the illegal parking happening in front of the school. May I add that in the event of an emergency, it would be impossible for the police, fire brigade or paramedics to access the school site. The double yellow lines indicate that parking is illegal and plainclothes and uniformed Barking and Dagenham enforcements officers will be in the area to issue fines to those illegally parked. Your vehicle is also at risk of being clamped.

I would like to wish you all a restful and peaceful half term break and I am looking forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 21st February 2022.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Bannon
Head of School

LOVE.KINDNESS.JOY.SELF-CONTROL.PATIENCE.

Stars of the week

Well done to the following children for being awarded with
Stars of the Week on the week ending:

11th February 2022

RR -	Joanna & Nikilesh
RK -	Hartley & Leerza
1 Blue -	Evannah & Ridhaan
1 Purple -	Kaysian & Kaleb
2 Blue -	Gabrielle & Kendrick
2 Purple -	Angel & Sukhi
3 Blue -	Bertha & Temmy
3 Purple -	Tami & Emmanuel E
4 Blue -	Sophia & Ibrahima
4 Purple -	Annilisa & Joshua A
5 Blue -	Kismat & Joshua S
5 Purple -	Bethany & Sadhanaa
6 Blue -	Sharon & Marly
6 Purple -	Dionne & Subomi

Cup Awards

Eyfs Presentation

Daniel
Reception

Eyfs Progress

Davina
Reception

Ks1 Presentation

Ademide
Year 1

Ks1 Progress

Kamal
Year 2

Ks2 Presentation

Ramsaran
Year 4

Ks2 Progress

Tayla
Year 6

Nurse Drop Ins

The next
School Nurse drop in
session is:

10th March
9am - 10am



Entering and Exiting the school

The intercom can be hard to hear the office. Please press the buzzer, when a member of the office team answer, to enter the school push the gate and to exit, please pull the gate.

Thank you

Parent Pay

If you have not yet done so, please activate your Parent Pay account. You can ask the school office for an activation letter which will guide you through the activation process. This makes it so much easier to make payments and keep track of all outstanding debts.

Thank you

Spare Uniform

If your child has borrowed any kind of Uniform from the school, please could you return it to the school office.

If you have any spare uniform that you no longer need, the school would appreciate any donations. Uniform which is needed -

- Boys trousers - all sizes
- Girls and Boys socks
- Any Christmas Jumpers

Classes 2022

Reception RR - Miss Robb

Reception RK - Miss Krupp

Y1R - Miss Patel

BLUE

Y1Z - Miss Rayner

PURPLE

Y2R - Miss Macalister

BLUE

Y2Z - Mrs Top

PURPLE

Y3R - Mrs Hughes

BLUE

Y3Z - Miss Casey

PURPLE

Y4R - Mrs Lawrence

BLUE

Y4Z - Mrs Quarshie

PURPLE

Y5Z - Mr Harris

BLUE

Y5R - Miss Dairo

PURPLE

Y6Z - Mr O'Driscoll

BLUE

Y6R - Mr Cooke

PURPLE



After School Clubs



Netball - y5 & y6

Monday's 3:15 - 4:15pm

Starts: 17th January 2022

Finishes: 7th February 2022

Drama Club - y1 - y3

Wednesday's 3:15 - 4:15pm

Starts: 5th January 2022

Finishes: 30th March 2022



Ninja Warrior / Multisports - y1 & y2

Tuesday's 3:15 - 4:15pm

Starts: 11th January 2022

Finishes: 29th March 2022

Homework - y1 - y6

Thursday's 3:15 - 4:15pm

Starts: 13th January 2022

Finishes: 10th February 2022

Football - y5 & y6

Tuesday's 3:15 - 4:15pm

Starts: 11th January 2022

African Drumming - y2

Thursday's 3:15 - 4:15pm

Starts: 13th January 2022

Choir - y5 & y6

Tuesday's 3:15 - 4:00pm

Starts: 11th January 2022

Basketball - y3 & y4

Friday's 3:15 - 4:15pm

Starts: 14th January 2022

Finishes: 25th March 2022

Karate - y1 - y6

Wednesday's 3:15 - 4:15pm

Starts: 12th January 2022

Finishes: 9th February 2022

Sports Bonanza - y1 & y2

Friday's 3:15 - 4:15pm

Starts: 14th January 2022

Finishes: 25th March 2022



Dodgeball / Handball - y5 & y6

Monday's 3:15 - 4:15pm

Starts: 17th January 2022

Finishes: 28th March 2022

Sports Bananza - y3 & y4

Wednesday's 3:15 - 4:15pm

Starts: 12th January 2022

Finishes: 30th March 2022

Chess - y4 - y6

Thursday's 3:15 - 4:15pm

Starts: 20th January 2022

Finishes: 30th June 2022



EYFS BLURB

In Reception this week, we read the book Jack and the Beanstalk. We planted our own beans and have been observing them sprout this week. We received a letter from the Giant expressing his upset over Jack stealing his previous items. In response, we all wrote letters on behalf of Jack to say sorry.