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Dear Parents / Carers,

Class Dojo

Here at St Margaret's we use Class Dojo to communicate with you. It is a great way to share news, give details about upcoming events or even a quick reminder. Thank you to those of you who have signed up for the service. It does not cost you anything. If you need support please speak to the school office, the staff will be happy to help.

Please note any messages that staff receive after 5.00 pm will not necessarily be answered on the same day. It is important for staff to have time to 'switch off' from school business so please do not think staff are ignoring you if you do not receive an answer straight away. Thank you for your understanding.

Friday Celebration Assemblies

Each **Friday**, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 take part in **Celebration Assemblies**. During these assemblies classes share work, we celebrate birthdays, award certificates and reflect on the week that has passed.

We would like to invite you to these assemblies and join us in celebrating our amazing children! As with class assemblies you will be let in via the main entrance of the Key stage 1 and 2 halls.

The assemblies start at 8.30am and will be finished by 9.00am.

Parents of children who will be awarded a certificate for following the St Margaret's Way will receive a Parentmail on Thursday from school inviting them to the assembly to allow you to see your child receive their certificate. It would be great to have you join us. **Please do not share this information with your child as we want it to be a surprise for them on the day!**

Each week a class in each key stage will share some work. Please note if your child's class is sharing work this does not guarantee your child will be involved in the sharing of the work. Teachers tend to choose small groups of children.

Date	Key Stage 1 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)	Key Stage 2 Assembly (Class Sharing Work)
25.9.25	1Z	5K
(Thurs)		
2.10.25	2M	6A
(Thurs)		
10.10.25	1G	3A
17.10.25	2C	5T
7.11.25	1Z	4G













14.11.25		
21.11.25	2M	6D
28.11.25	1G	3W
5.12.25	2C	5K
12.12.25	1Z	4U
19.12.25		

Starting School on Time

Our school gates will now open just before 8.15am Monday to Friday to allow children to be in school for **8.15am**. The school day starts at 8.30am but those 15 minutes before allow children to settle and get ready for the day ahead. Too often we have children arriving for school after 8.30am, this is very unsettling for the child and results in loss of learning time. Please make it your new school year resolution to get your child to school on time!

We are monitoring times children are picked up. Please note **children must be picked up at 3.00pm**.

The St Margaret's Way (SMW)

This term I have introduced **The St Margaret's Way** to our children. This is a new set of values / rules that we want all of our children to aspire to lead their lives by, both in and out of school.

- To be Safe We keep ourselves safe and look after one another just as Jesus taught us.
- **To be Good Listeners** We listen with open hearts and minds, learning and flourishing with God and the world around us.
- To be Kind By our just actions and kind words. We love God and we love each other.
- To be Honest a sense of responsibility and the strength to speak up truthfully.
- **To be Hard Working** developing lively, enquiring and independent minds and the resilience to embrace the challenges we face.
- **To be Respectful** Well rounded individuals who have a positive impact on others near and far, especially those who are less fortunate.

Please do spend time talking to your children about these values, children will be rewarded for following them.

Good to Be Green (GTBG)

As we do at the start of every year we have reviewed our school behaviour policy, this can be found on our school website. As part of our policy we are using Good to be Green (GTBG).

In Class and on the playground children aim to be Good to be Green. This means following the St Margaret's Way and doing their best to be a good citizen. The aim for the children is to be Good to be Green all week. For every week children achieve this, they will be rewarded with a sticker. The stickers are significant, as they accumulate the children are rewarded. Below is a table showing you what the children can earn.

Number of Weeks	Reward
1(This reward is presented for every week a	Sticker on class chart and ParentMail sent
child is GTBG for the whole week)	home informing parents.
5 Weeks (Accumulatively)	GTBG Certificate
10 Weeks (Accumulatively)	GTBG Badge
15 Weeks (Accumulatively)	GTBG Pencil
20 Weeks (Accumulatively)	Invite to Headteacher Special Event
25 Weeks (Accumulatively)	GTBG Enamel Badge
30 Weeks (Accumulatively)	Invite to Headteacher Special Event
35 Weeks (Accumulatively)	Good To Be Gold Certifcard and Sticker
Whole Year	Privilege Card and School Trip

We are really excited about our new behaviour policy; the children are already earning lots of tokens. Keep it up everyone!

Class Names and Family Saints

Class Name	Class Teacher	Class Family / Saint
Pre School	Miss Newland – Pre School	St Andrew
Nursery	Mrs Cook & Mrs Durkin - Nursery	St David
Reception - RD	Mrs Dewji	St George
Reception RA	Mrs Deacon	St Patrick
1G	Mrs Greene	St Andrew
1Z	Miss Zulfiqar	St David
2C	Miss Chance	St George
2M	Mrs Morris & Mrs Whitehead	St Patrick
3A	Miss Afridi	St Andrew
3W	Miss Waller	St David
4G	Miss Greenwell	St George
4 U	Miss Urquhart	St Patrick
5K	Mrs Kinch & Miss Armstrong	St Andrew
5 T	Miss Thelwell	St David
6A	Mrs Ahmed	St George
6D	Mrs Dilkes	St Patrick

2 Week Half Term

A reminder that we have a 2 week half term in October. Term dates for this year are below.

Term	First Half Term	Half Term Break	Second Half Term
Advent Term	Weds 3 rd Sept – Fri 17 th	Mon 20th Oct – Fri 31st Oct	Mon 3 rd Nov – Fri 19 th Dec
	Oct		
Lent Term	Mon 5 th Jan – Fri 13 th Feb	Mon 16th Feb – Fri 20th Feb	Mon 23 rd Feb – Fri 27 th Mar
Pentecost Term	Tues 14 th Apr – Fri 22 nd	Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th	Mon 1st Jun – Tues 21st Jul
	May	May	

<u>Attendance</u>

Below is important information regarding attendance at school. It is so important that children attend school when they are well enough. Good attendance will be rewarded so please do make sure your children are in school each day. Thank you for your support.

Please find below attendance data for every class for this week.

Class Attendance	Last Week	This Week
Reception ND	97	96↓
Reception AD	96	100↑
Year 1G	91	91←→
Year 1Z	95	90↓
Year 2M	96	95↓
Year 2C	97	93↓
Year 3A	96	94↓
Year 3W	88	95↑
Year 4G	100	98↓
Year 4U	95	94
Year 5K	99	98

Year 5T	94	97↑
Year 6A	98	97↓
Year 6D	93	98↑

Well done to **Reception AD** who had the top attendance this week with **100%** and also to **4G** who last week also achieved **100%!**

Diary Dates

Please find below a table with key dates for this term and beyond, please do take note of events that effect you and your child. More information will follow regarding school trips etc.

God bless, Mr Chiswell

Date	Event	Time
Weds 24 th Sept	eds 24 th Sept Flu Vaccinations reception – Year 6	
Mon 29 th Sept Y6 – Y7 Transition Meeting for Year 6 Parents		6.00
Fri 3 rd Oct	1st Friday Mass for Year 6 at SMOS Church	8.30
Mon 6 th Oct	Maths Monday (Y2 – Y6)	8.30
Tues 7 th Oct	School Photos – Individual & Siblings	8:30 - 3:00
Tues 14 th Oct	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 - 6.00
Weds 15 th Oct	Parent / Teacher Consultations	3.30 - 6.00
Fri 17 th Oct	End of 1st Half Advent Term	3.00
Mon 3 rd Nov	Start of 2 nd Half Advent Term	8.15
Thurs 6 th Nov	6A Class Assembly	2.30
Fri 7 th Nov	1st Friday Mass for Year 5 at SMOS Church	8.30
Thurs 13 th Nov	4U Class Assembly	2.30
Thurs 20 th Nov	6D Class Assembly	2.30
Thurs 27 th Nov	3W Class Assembly	2.30
Mon 1sr Dec	Meditation Monday (Y2 – Y6)	8.30
Fri 5 th Dec	1st Friday Mass for Year 4 at SMOS Church	8.30
Mon 15 th Dec	Christmas Crafts Reception & Y3	8.30
Tues 16 th Dec	Christmas Crafts Nursery & Y6	8.30
Weds 17 th Dec	Christmas Crafts Y2 & Y4	8.30
Fri 19 th Dec	Christmas Crafts Y1 & Y5	8.30
	Carols on the Playground	2.30
	End of Advent Term	3.00