



St Margaret's Church of England Primary School

Please find below some information regarding the kinds of events we will be holding over the year, followed by a calendar of dates.

Mrs Newland

Newsletters

Newsletters are issued monthly in the form of Maggie's monthly round-up. This is emailed out, posted on ClassDojo and is also added to our school website.

ClassDojo

We will continue to use ClassDojo as the main form of communication in school. Whenever we need to send out quick messages we will use ClassDojo. We will also aim to post something to the school page at least once a week and we aim to post things to the class pages at least twice a week.

As you will be aware, there is also a private message facility which can be used to contact staff. Staff have been advised that there is no expectation for them to be accessing ClassDojo between 5 pm and 8 am and that they are not to have it installed on personal devices. During the day they will read and respond to messages when this does not impact upon the teaching or supervision of pupils. Please also note that there is an expectation that parents are reasonable in the amount of private messages sent to staff. If this facility is abused, parents will no longer be able to use it.

Finally, ClassDojo should not be used as a means of communicating absence or other urgent or on the day messages. In these cases, contact should be made by telephoning the school office.

The School Office

For urgent matters, including calls concerning the same day, please contact the office by calling 01787 237354. For non-urgent information or queries please e-mail admin@st-margaretscofe.essex.sch.uk

Clubs

Clubs will run throughout the year. Children will sign up to clubs termly when the club list comes out. Should you have any skills you would be willing to share with us in the form of running a club, please contact the school office in the first instance.

School Meals

I would like to take the opportunity to remind you that cost of school meals for children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 is £2.50. Payments should be made in advance and can be made via bank transfer using the details below: Please use meals and your child's name as the reference.

Bank: Lloyds Bank Plc
Account Name: St Margaret's CofE VC Primary
School Sort Code: 30-92-16
Account Number: 71751760

Reading Support

We would like to encourage people to support us hearing children in September. If this is something you, or someone you know, would be interested in, please don't hesitate to get in touch as soon as possible in order that we can run volunteer safeguarding training and get started!

Attendance

It is crucial that children attend school regularly and on time. Please note that if attendance falls below certain levels you may receive a warning letter, be asked to come in to school for a support meeting or be fined by Essex County Council. Unauthorised holidays may also receive a fine from Essex County Council.

If your child is unable to come to school due to illness we ask that you leave a message on the answerphone by 10am. For sickness and diarrhoea, children cannot return until 48 hours after the last bout. Children can come to school with coughs, colds, sore throats and headaches if they are well enough to do so. We will telephone and speak to you if they are struggling in class.

Please note there is a new attendance policy which has been updated to reflect the statutory changes which came into effect on August 19th. This policy can be found on the school website.

Maggie's Water Fight

Maggie's Water Fight will continue this year as I had a very enjoyable, but soggy, afternoon last July! Maggie will pick a random week each term the year and children in year 2 and up that have completed their homework for the week on all three occasions will be invited to join in a huge water fight! Letters will be sent home prior to the event.

Homework requirements

Reception	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Reading 5 times minimum	Reading 5 times minimum	Reading 5 times minimum	Reading 3 times minimum	Reading 3 times minimum	Reading 3 times minimum	Reading 3 times minimum
Phonics flashcards once these are sent home	Phonics practice	EdShed spellings 3 x per week minimum	EdShed spellings 3 x per week minimum	EdShed spellings 3 x per week minimum	EdShed spellings 3 x per week minimum	EdShed spellings 3 x per week minimum
	EdShed maths tasks weekly	EdShed maths tasks weekly	EdShed maths tasks weekly	EdShed maths tasks weekly	EdShed maths tasks weekly	EdShed maths tasks weekly
		TTRS 20 mins per week on garage	TTRS 20 mins per week to include a minimum of 3 garage game and 1 soundcheck	TTRS 20 mins per week to include a minimum of 3 garage game and 1 soundcheck	TTRS 10 mins per week	TTRS 10 mins per week
					Weekly reading comprehension task	Weekly reading comprehension task
						Weekly CGP book tasks

Parent Events

During the year we will be running a range of events for parents. Information about these is included below.

Maggie-Zine and Maggie's Museum

Each term we will be publishing a Maggie-Zine showcasing written work from the children. Each class will contribute with items linked to their big topic question for the term. We will also hold 'Maggie's Museum'. This is an opportunity to come in and see the results of some of the more practical aspects the children have been working on such as art, DT and music. We encourage as many of you as possible to attend these as it is really important for the children to see a purpose for the learning.

Coffee Mornings/afternoons

We will be running some community coffee afternoons this year. This will run on any last Friday of the month if we are in school! Please do join us and spread the word to others.

Parent meetings

Throughout the year, we will run meetings for parents regarding particular things which are upcoming such as the teaching of phonics, SATs and assessments.

Festival services

During the year, we will work alongside the Church to co-ordinate services for specific Christian festivals.

Parents' evenings and reports

We will run parent evenings in October and February. These are an opportunity to have an individual 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher to find out how things are going and to raise individual specific questions. Children's work will also be available to see at these sessions.

Every term you will receive a data sheet outlining your child's progress in school. We refer to these as 'green sheets'. In the summer term you will receive a full written report.

Open afternoons

We will again be running activity open afternoons where parents can come in and work alongside their children on activities in school.

Productions

We will be having a Seed class nativity performance this term and in the summer term Sapling class and Blossom class will work together to prepare a production.

Class assemblies

In the Spring term, each class will organise a class assembly to which parents are invited in which they will share some of the learning they have been doing.

Sports day and picnic

In June, we will hold our sports day in the morning (British weather permitting) followed by a picnic lunch on the field to which all families are invited.

Meet the teacher

In July we will run meet the teacher sessions for you to meet the class teachers for next year.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Calendar dates for the year

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We have tried to pinpoint some of the key dates for this academic year for you below. As we are planning so far in advance, these dates and activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, although we will endeavour to keep to dates arranged.

Oct

4th: 1:45 Harvest Festival in church
12th: 3:00 Choir concert with Hedingham Singers
24th: Parents' evening
25th: 2:00 Community coffee afternoon
28th: Half term

Nov

1th: Anti-bullying week
15th: Children in Need
21st: Flu vaccines
28th: Whole school panto trip
29th: non-pupil day

Dec

5th: 1:30 Nativity performance
5th: 5:00 Nativity Performance
6th: 2:00 Christmas craft afternoon
12th: Christmas Jumper Day
12th: Christmas Lunch
12th: 3:20 pm Maggie's Museum
20th: Green sheets out
20th: 1:45 Christmas Service in Church
21st: Christmas Holiday

Jan

6th: Non-pupil day
7th: Children return to school
9th: KS2 swimming starts
14th: 9:00 Year 1 phonics parent meeting
15th: 9:00 Year 6 SATs parents meeting
31st: 2:00 Community coffee afternoon

Feb

7th: 2:30 Blossom Class assembly
10th – 13th: 3:20 Book fair
13th: Parents evening
17th: Half term
28th: 2:00 Community coffee afternoon

Mar

3rd: Book week
6th: World book day
14th: 2:30 Sapling Class assembly
21st: 2:30 Seed class assembly
28th: 2:00 Community coffee afternoon

Apr

1st: 3:20 Maggie's Museum
3rd: 2:00 Easter Craft afternoon
4th: 1:45 Easter Service in Church
7th: Easter holiday
22nd: Non-pupil day
23rd: Children return to school
25th: 2:00 Community coffee afternoon

May

12th: Year 6 SATs week
26th: Half term

Jun

2nd: Multiplication check window
9th: Phonics check window
27th: 2:00 Community coffee afternoon

Jul

4th: Sports day and picnic
10th: 1:30 Key stage 2 production
10th: 5:30 Key Stage 2 production
11th: Reports out
15th: Whole School RE enquiry conclusion
17th: 3:20 Maggie's Museum
18th: Take everything home day!
18th: Maggie's water fight
21st: 1:30 Leavers service
22nd: Non-pupil day
23rd: Summer break