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St Margaret's at Hasbury Church of England Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Hello and welcome back to all our families.

I am delighted and proud to introduce myself as the new Headteacher of St Margaret's at Hasbury CE Primary School and Nursery and I would like to thank the staff, children and governors for making me feel so welcome.

My priority, as Headteacher, is to build on the foundations already established by Mrs Griffiths and the hard working team here in school. I am committed to working in partnership with you all, and will work hard with the teams here to meet your children's needs to ensure they are happy, safe and able to achieve their full potential.

During the early part of my career I led PE, out of hours learning and residential visits and still firmly believe that these opportunities are invaluable. Sport, PE and my connections with the arts keep me heavily focused on ensuring all children here receive a broad and balanced curriculum.

As George Bernard Shaw said:

'Progress is impossible without change'.

I ask that you please continue to support the school as we continue to develop. If there is anything you would like to discuss with me then please don't hesitate to get in touch with me via email or by making an appointment.

Thank you for choosing St Margaret's at Hasbury for your children.

Mrs Shepherd
Headteacher

A Warm Welcome

We all extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff and wish them well in their new positions.

Mrs Stokes-HLTA,

Mr Ashmore - Site Manager,

Mr Batham - Business Manager

Mrs Allen - Unit Catering Manager

Mrs Tipper - Reception class teacher

Mrs Gibbons - Lunchtime supervisor

Mrs Carr - Cleaner

Mrs Brown - Cleaner

A huge welcome too to our Nursery and Pre-School children and staff who have joined our school community, we are very pleased and excited to have you all with us.

St Margaret's at Hasbury - Whole School Food Policy

May we remind families that we encourage our children to drink **water** throughout the school day. This policy was introduced into schools some years ago after research showed the benefits of regularly drinking water to hydrate the brain.

IMPORTANT Student update forms

Can we please ask that un-returned forms must be brought back to the school office as soon as possible.
It is imperative that we have 2 emergency contacts.

It is school's policy to always safeguard our children and families and if it is felt that there is a concern it is our responsibility to share the concern with relevant agencies.

DIARY DATES

28.09.18 9.00am Macmillan Coffee Morning
 01.10.18 Year 6 trip
 02.10.18 2.00pm Welcome Service Early years' hall
 08.10.18 Forest School starts for both morning and afternoon
 NURSERY children.
 08.10.18 - 12.10.18 residential trip
 11.10.18 SLB trip
 16.10.18 9.30am Open morning for prospective parent
 22.10.18 9.30pm Harvest festival in church
 18.10.18 Proposed year 5 trip
 18.10.18 Proposed Year1 trip
 18.10.18 2.00pm Open afternoon for prospective parents
 22.10.18 -26.10.18 Scholastic Book fair
 23.10.18 9.00am School photographer
 25.10.18 3.30pm-7.30pm Parents' evening whole school
 26.10.18 Mufti Day. Please see details below
Half Term Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November 2018
06.11.18 5.30pm Parent forum with Mrs Shepherd and Governors
 09.11.18 10.45am Remembrance Service KS2 only in church
12.11.18 INSET DAY
 16.11.18 Flu nasal vaccinations reception to Year 5
 20.11.18 proposed Year2 trip.
 30.11.18 3.30pm-5.00pm Christmas Fayre
 week commencing 03.12.18 Reception trip to be confirmed
 07.12.18 Year 3 trip
 12.12.18 2.00pm KS1 Early Years' Nativity
 13.12.18 7.00pm KS1 Early Years' Nativity
 18.12.18 2.00pm KS2 Carol Service in church
 19.12.18 Christingle making day. More details to follow.
 21.12.18 11.00am Christingle Service-whole school-church
21.12.18 Last day of term
07.01.19 Back to school
 22.01.19 Young Voices concert 2019
 13.02.19 3.30pm-4.30pm Parents' evening
 14.02.19 3.30pm-7.00pm Parents' evening
Half Term Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February 2019
 29.03.19 2.30pm Mothers' day service early years' hall KS1 only
 10.04.19 2.00pm Poetry Competition whole school
 12.04.19 11am Easter service in church
12.04.19 Last Day of Term
29.04.19 Summer Term Starts
06.05.19 May Day Bank Holiday
 23.05.19 9.15am Early years' sports day
 23.05.19 1.30pm Upper years' sports day
Half Term Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2019
 09.07.19 Upper years' production
 10.07.19 Upper years' production
 17.07.19 3.30pm- 5.30pm Parents' evening
 18.07.19 6.00pm-7.30pm Leavers' disco - whole school
 19.07.19 11.00am Leavers' Service - whole school
22.07.19 Term ends
 Please note that all of the above dates are correct at the time of issue but may be subject to change.
 Further information regarding individual events will be forwarded in due course.

PTFA

Now we have settled into the new school year we would like to invite you to join our PTFA. We are all busy working Mums who volunteer our time for the good of the school and children. We are currently a small team, however, new members would be very much appreciated.

All the money that is raised goes back into the school for equipment and events such as: sports hoodies, sports equipment, coaches for theatre trips, Easter eggs, pancakes, end of school disco and Christmas events.

We also support charities such as the Macmillan coffee morning held today. If you are interested in joining us, please leave your

SPORTS NEWS

Upcoming Sporting Events

Halesowen Football

St Margaret's will be taking part in the Halesowen Football League again this year. Matches will be played at Leasowes High School after school on the following Monday's in the autumn term: 1st October and 3rd December. Spring term dates will follow when we have been notified.

Rugby Megafest

Year 4 will be having the opportunity to develop their tag rugby skills at this years Rugby Megafest. This is being held at Windsor High School on 16th October at 11 until 12.30. This is a festival for Years 3 and 4 and is what the RFU is championing and supporting. This exciting festival will involve a series of rugby based skills stations run by Windsor leaders. No prior rugby experience is required and all pupils will receive a certificate for taking part!

Windsor Cluster Football tournament

For the third year in a row, St Margaret's will be hosting, and taking part in, the Windsor Cluster Football tournament, which consists of a separate girls and boys competition. This will be held on 16th October and starts around 1.15pm.

Multi Skills

St Margaret's will be entering the Year 1/2 Multi Skills competition. This will take part on 23rd October, at Windsor High School and runs from 11 until 12.30.

Halesowen Cross Country Championships

Following the success of the 'Endurance Cross Country Challenge', St Margaret's will be taking a girls and boys team to the Cross Country Championships at Newfield Park Primary School. This will take place on 24th October and starts at 4pm and finishes around 5pm.

Cross Country Endurance Challenge

This annual event involved challenging children to take part in 10 sessions of cross country running at lunchtime. Children who attended 4 sessions are awarded a bronze certificate, those attending 6 sessions are awarded a silver certificate and those attending 8 sessions are awarded a gold certificate. Here are the year group results:

Year 3

50% took part, achieving 5 bronze, 1 silver and 3 gold.

Year 4

57% took part, achieving 4 bronze, 2 silver and 7 gold.

Year 5

30% took part, achieving 1 bronze and 7 gold.

Year 6

100% took part, achieving 1 bronze, 7 silver and 20 gold.

Congratulations to all the children who took part, certificates will be presented in Celebration Worship next week.

Curriculum update

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended the 'meet the teacher' sessions. I hope you found the session informative. The message all staff tried to convey was the importance of language, whether this be spoken language or use of vocabulary. Our new approach to writing 'Talk for Writing' encompasses this very well. In your child's home diary you will see a word or two with a ladder next to them. These are the new words your child will be learning to read, spell and talk about and use in their writing. Could you please discuss these words with your child to support work in class.

Mrs Shepherd
Head teacher

Parent forum with Mrs Shepherd and Governors.

Tuesday 6th Nov at 5.30pm

Opportunity to meet Mrs Shepherd and chat about the exciting future for St Margaret's at Hasbury.
Parents/Carers only please, no children. Thank you

Have you lost a set of keys?

Please contact school
office on 01384 818660

Wellies Needed for Nursery

If any parents have spare
wellington boots that they
would like to donate to
school for children aged 3-6
years, they would be put to
good use.

Thank you for your support

Reminder

Can we remind you to
phone in on 01384
818660 should your child
be unwell and unable to
attend school, Nursery or
Pre-School. You can also
send us a text message
via ParentMail. This
should be done as early
as possible on the first
day of absence. If your
child is away for a longer
period it helps if you can
phone in regularly to
keep us up to date.
Thank you.
School Office

Names on personal items

Please can parents ensure that **all
personal items** brought into
school **are clearly named**. This
includes clothing, lunchboxes,
water bottles etc.
We are getting an awful lot of lost
property which we are unable to
return.

School office

Remind to year 5 parents
that they have had a letter
about a proposed trip on
October 18th. Can slips
please be returned as soon
as possible. Thank you
Mr Harrison

Christmas Fayre

This year our Christmas Fayre will be held on the 30th November 2018 at 3.30pm.

To make our Fayre an success a **mufti day will be held on 26th October 2018**

Please could your child bring in a bottle or jar to donate to the Christmas bottle stand, such as wine, pop, mixers, cooking sauces, jams or pickles. Thank you for your support.

A reminder please that dogs
are not allowed onto school
premises—Thank you

A request from our catering manager : please can any grapes sent with your child's lunch be cut in half lengthways to prevent the risk of choking. Thank you.

School Nurse

Should you need to talk to
the school nurse Alex Pejovic
is available on:
07817075444