



St. Margaret's C of E Primary School

More Important News

We are nearly in December, the busiest time of the year! Please read on to find out more about what has been happening this term and some of the things you can look forward to in the run up to Christmas...

Children in Need:

Thank you to all the children who took part in the recent Children in Need event we held in school. We are very pleased to announce we raised a total of £188.35 for this very special cause.

Pumpkin day:



On 30th October, spooky students and petrifying parents took part in our annual Pumpkin Afternoon. Children carved or decorated pumpkins and created crafty masks in preparation for Halloween. At the end of the day, everyone enjoyed pumpkin cookies made from pumpkins grown in our own school garden and sampled tasty organic apple juice made from scratch



by Class 3. A good time was had by all!

Start of the day:

As a school, we have a responsibility to keep all of the children in our care safe, therefore we ask that **parents/carers do not enter the school building before or after school, unless you need to speak to the class teacher.**

With your help, we aim to promote independence and ask you to support us with this by allowing your child/children to put their own belongings away in the morning and hand in their own letters to their class teacher.

Class 3's trip to Skidbrooke church:

On the 12th of November Class 3 went to Skidbrooke Church at 9:30am. We went to see an abandoned church to help inspire us to write our scary stories as part of Class 3's literacy topic. It was a beautiful day and we had our iPads to photograph the church and church yard. We have since used the photos to inspire us to describe the setting for our stories. The photos have encouraged us and helped us be more accurate. I like using the photos because you can put a text next to it for your ideas, which is harder to do with your memory.



by Henry T. Year 6

Attendance:

The National Average for attendance is **96%**. It's disappointing we have fallen below this for the first time in two years. Obviously, we understand a child's illness is not something that can be helped.

Looking at data from previous years, we know that this term and the term after Christmas are when attendance drops off. Even a 5% reduction in attendance is almost two weeks off over the course of a year (in which the children are only actually at school for 38 weeks).

Please see below for current attendance figures (Sept-Nov 2018):

Whole school: 94.95%

Class 1: 94.24%

Class 2: 95.59%

Class 3: 94.84%

Dates for the diary

27th November 2018: Class 2 bio-diversity trip (Withern trout farm).

28th November 2018: Class 3 bio-diversity trip (river).

29th November 2018: Class 1 bio-diversity (in-school).

6th December 2018: The Collection, Lincoln (Classes 2 & 3).

7th December 2018: Christmas fair (pm only).

11th December 2018: Class 3 carol singing at Ashtree House Residential Home.

13th December 2018: Nativity at Withern Chapel, 6pm start.

14th December 2018: Christmas dinner at the village hall.

18th December 2018: Panto at Embassy Theatre Skegness.

20th December 2018: Christmas party at village hall and last day of term.

Clubs

Monday – Football Club – Mr Elmhirst (Classes 2 & 3)

Tuesday – Multi-skills Club – Mr Bloodworth (Whole school)

Wednesday – After school club – Miss Norman

Thursday – Gardening – Mrs Jenkinson & Miss Norman (Whole school)

Friday – After school club – Miss Norman

Please let the office know if your child no longer wishes to attend a club they have signed up for.

Governors

The Governing Body for a school is a group of people who assist in formulating policies by working closely with the Head Teacher to help lead and manage the school on a voluntary basis.

If you would like to express an interest in becoming a school Governor, please speak to either Mr Siddle or Mrs Poller.

Parent Questionnaire results:

		<i>Strongly Agree/ Agree</i>
1	My child enjoys school	94%
2	The school keeps my child safe	97%
3	The school informs me about my child's progress	94%
4	My child is making enough progress at this school	97%
5	The teaching is good at this school	97%
6	The school helps me to support my child's learning	97%
7	The school helps my child to have a healthy lifestyle	97%
8	The school makes sure that my child is well prepared for the future (for example changing year group or changing school)	91%
9	The school meets my child's particular needs	97%
10	The school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour	91%
11	The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns	97%
12	The school is led and managed effectively	94%
13	Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school	97%
14	I would recommend this school to another parent	97%

Thank you for the brilliant uptake for the recent parent consultations we held in school and thank you to everyone who completed the parent questionnaires. We received some very positive responses, as can be seen in the table opposite.

The next steps for our school, as a result of these responses, are to ensure unacceptable behavior is dealt with effectively by reviewing our behaviour policy. We will also ensure children are prepared for starting at our school/changing year group by making more of whole school activity days and then transition days in the summer term, whereby children are able to spend quality time with their new teacher.