



St. Margaret's C of E Primary School

More Important News

Happy New Year and welcome back. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and are ready for a busy upcoming term. Please read on to find out more about what has already happened so far this year and what you can look forward to...

Accelerated Reader:

The Accelerated Reader Programme has been running in school for a whole term now for children in Years 2 to 6. The programme is enabling class teachers to monitor reading habits more effectively and provide additional support when required. We are really happy with the progress pupils are making in reading and would like to thank parents once again for their continued support with this new initiative.

At 2:45pm every day, Class 2 and Class 3 stop what they are doing and start reading their book, whether this is individually or within a small group. Having an adult listen to you read is vital for a child's development in reading, thus we would like to take this opportunity to invite parents in at the end of the school day (2:45-3:05pm) to listen to readers.

If you would be able to offer your support at this time, please speak to Mrs Poller who will happily discuss this further with you.

Indian Experience:

On Tuesday, the whole school had the opportunity to take part in an Indian experience. This involved dressing up in traditional Indian dress, trying out Bollywood style dancing, tasting Indian food and also mask making in Class 2. The day was thoroughly enjoyable and offered the children a unique cultural experience.

PTA

A huge thank you once again for all the hard work the PTA contributed last term. We can now reveal that the PTA successfully raised a total of **£739.73** at the Christmas Fayre, **£709.24** for the sponsored walk and **£159 profit** for the tea towels.

I'm sure you will agree the Christmas fayre was a real triumph and we are very proud of our school entrepreneurs too as each class made something to sell contributing to the total amount raised:

Class 1 = **£12.20**

Class 2 = **£37.70**

Class 3 = **£53.60**

Gardening club =
£53.68



Attendance:

The National Average for attendance is **96%**. Although it is disappointing we have fallen below this for the autumn term, we understand a child's illness is not something that can be helped and we hope to see an improvement, as has been the case in previous years, over the spring and summer terms.

Please see below for current attendance figures (Sept 2018 - Jan 2019):

Whole school: 95.28%

Class 1: 94.48%

Class 2: 96.13%

Class 3: 95.28%

Knowledge Organisers:

On Thursday, we held our 'Making Progress' parent event which introduced parents to the research behind learning that we base our teaching and learning upon in school. We also introduced Knowledge Organisers, a new initiative for our school, which will enable you to help your children learn at home. Thank you to everyone who attended and we hope you found it beneficial. If you were unable to attend the event, you will receive a letter summarising the main points from this information early next week.

Dates for the diary

8th February 2019: PTA Bingo fundraiser.

13th February 2019: Class 3 Biodiversity (in school).

15th February 2019: Break up for half term.

25th February 2019: Children start back.

26th February 2019: Cross country competition at Alford Wells 4-5pm (KS2 only).

6th March 2019: Classes 2 & 3 Jump Warriors Trampoline Park.

7th March 2019: World Book Day.

13th March 2019: Class 2 Biodiversity (in school).

14th March 2019: Class 1 Biodiversity (in school).

15th March 2019: Science Day.

27th March 2019: Change 4 Life Festival (Years 3 & 4).

2nd April 2019: Cross country competition.

5th April 2019: Break up for Easter.

Clubs

Monday

Volleyball Club – Mr Elmhirst (Classes 2 & 3)

Arts/Crafts club – Miss Norman (whole school – paid club)

Tuesday

Multi-skills Club – Mr Bloodworth (Whole school)

Wednesday

Lego club – Miss Norman (whole school – paid club)

Thursday

Outdoor Skills Club – Mrs Jenkinson & Miss Norman (Whole school – paid club)

Friday

Board Games club – Miss Norman (whole school – paid club)

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

Achievement Wall

As a school, we feel that it is important to celebrate a child's achievements both in and out of school. Therefore, we have created an achievement wall in the main corridor. If your child has achieved an award, a certificate or takes part in something special outside of school, we would like to invite you to send in a copy of a picture (not the original please) so this can be displayed on the wall and thus celebrated in school.