



St. Margaret's C of E Primary School

More Important News

PE Gold award:



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfill criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport.

We look forward to applying once again in 2020!

PTA:

As a school, we are very fortunate to have such a pro-active PTA. The recent sponsored walk that took place raised a staggering £883.10, with Holly Kemp in Year 3 raising £195 of this total amount. The entertainment night and PJ day have raised a further £200. We hope your child will join us for the next PTA event which is the Halloween Fancy Dress Party on Wednesday 30th October.



The monies raised by the PTA go back into providing additional equipment, resources and trips for all of the children in the school. So far this year, the PTA have funded the bus for KS2's Stone Age trip and also purchased lots of new resources for EYFS.

Parking

Please can we ask that parents refrain from parking on the zigzag yellow lines directly outside of the school. These markings are in place to keep our children safe so it would be appreciated if you adhered to these.

Governor Recruitment

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.

Attendance

The National Average for attendance is **96%**, currently we are at **97.26%** for the whole school. Please see below for class breakdowns (Sept 2019 – Oct 2019):

- Class 1:** 98.22%
- Class 2:** 97.25%
- Class 3:** 96.14%
- Class 4:** 97.62%

Pumpkin Day:



On 17th October, pupils and their parents took part in our annual Pumpkin Afternoon. Children carved or decorated pumpkins and created crafty head dresses in preparation for Halloween. At the end of the day, everyone enjoyed pumpkin soup made from pumpkins grown in our own school garden and sampled tasty organic apple juice made from scratch by Class 2 earlier in the term. A super time was had by all!



Bike ability:



10 pupils from Years 5 & 6 took part in Bike ability this week. The training enabled the children to participate in on-road cycle training and develop their cycling skills. All children who participated were awarded either a Level 1 or a Level 2 certificate and badge in assembly and pupils who took part commented on how enjoyable the sessions were.

Harvest Festival:

We are pleased to announce that we raised a grand total of £105 at our Harvest festival. We will be donating all of the funds raised to the Alzheimer's Society this year, a very worthwhile charity and one that is close to our hearts in school. Thank you to everyone who contributed whether this was providing a box of vegetables, buying a box of vegetables or supporting the children in the chapel. I'm sure you will agree that all of the children were very brave to stand up and sing/share the work they have been working on in class. A special thank you also to the Year 6s who sold the Harvest boxes upon returning to school.



School Trips:

The Old Nurseries:

Years 2 and 3 had their first trip of the school year to The Old Nurseries in Wragby. Their day started with a tour around the orchard by the owner Mr Davey and everyone was excited to see how apple juice is made from start to finish. Everyone took a packed lunch, because we were all very hungry after a busy morning of making apple juice! Thank you once again to Mr and Mrs Davey for a brilliant school trip.



Alford Manor House:



Years 1 and 2 visited Alford Manor House this week to coincide with their history topic of buildings. The children really enjoyed looking round the 400 year old house and comparing this to their own home. Thank you to Margaret and Eileen, volunteers from the manor house, for showing us around.

Stone Age Visit:

Last Friday, Years 3-6 had an interesting day in the woods with the Wild Woodcraft team. Years 3 and 4 were learning all about Stone Age Britain in a hands-on way: building fires, making shelters, cooking on the open fire and examining Stone Age tools. Years 5 and 6 got a taste for life in Ancient Mayan times by learning about and making their own Mayan throwing sticks and stone carvings as well as lighting their own camp fires. An enjoyable (if tiring) day was had by all. Thank you to the PTA for their generous contribution towards the cost of the transport.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 29th October: Children return to school.

Wednesday 30th October: PTA Halloween Fancy Dress Party (3:15-4:45pm).

Friday 8th November: JOSO review event morning (3 x Year 5 pupils).

Tuesday 12th November: Sports leadership academy morning (5x Year 5 pupils).

Friday 15th November: Children in Need.

Wednesday 20th November: Sports Hall Athletics afternoon (Years 5 & 6 pupils).

Wednesday 27th November: Change4Life afternoon (10x Years 3-6 pupils).

Thursday 5th December: PTA Christmas fayre afternoon.

Friday 13th December: School Christmas Dinner.

Monday 16th December: Pantomime at Skegness Embassy Theatre, PTA funded.

Thursday 19th December: Break up for Christmas Holidays.

Monday 6th January: Children return to school.