



St Margaret's Anfield

Church of England Primary School

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JANUARY MEMORIES

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, Happy New Year! Thank you for sending your children back to school looking so smart in their full school uniforms. We hope you enjoy January's edition of our School newsletter. Here are some photos from this month's events!



WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day.

On this day, children can come to school dressed as a character from their favourite book if they wish.

This event has been highly popular in recent years, but I know children (and parents and staff!) need plenty of time to plan their outfit. If your child does not wish to dress up as a special character, then school uniform must be worn.

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7 MARCH 2019

CELEBRATION

SAVE THE CHILDREN

The Fundraising Team have said "thank you, St Margaret's Anfield CE Primary, you are Superstars!" A total of £75 was raised. Well done everyone!

KEY DATES

Parent/Carer Consultation Evening

Thursday 28th February
3:30-6:30pm.

Letters to follow.

INSET DAYS 2019/2020

- Monday 2nd September 2019
- Friday 25th October 2019
- Monday 1st June 2020
- Tuesday 2nd June 2020
- Monday 20th July 2020

INFORMATION

CASHLESS SYSTEM

We will shortly be introducing a cashless payment system allowing parents to go on line to pay for school meals, trips etc. Further information to follow.

SCHOOL FUND

As you may be aware we ask our parents/carers for a voluntary contribution for school fund of just 50p per week. This money is used only for the benefit of the children, it gives them the extras that cannot be met from the school budget i.e. Christmas and Easter gifts, prizes, trips to the cinema, visits from theatre groups etc.

Cash or Cheques payable to St Margaret's Anfield School Fund are greatly appreciated.

Green envelopes are available from the office for your donations.

ATTENDANCE NEWS: INTRODUCING HOME VISITS

Thank you to all our parents and carers who endeavour, where possible, to have their children in school every day and on time. We are continually looking for ways to improve attendance and punctuality and support families and their children who are regularly absent or late.

Our statutory safeguarding duty means that we must be aware of the reason for any pupil absence. Therefore, if we are not notified of a reason for a pupil absence and if we are unable to make any contact with the parent/carer, members of the Senior Leadership and Welfare Team will conduct a home visit during the morning in accordance with school and Local Authority attendance expectations and safeguarding procedures.

Home visits will commence on Friday 1st February. Please note that we will continue to try to make contact with you by phone and also send you a text message explaining that we intend to make a home visit.

BIRTHDAY TREATS

We all know how excited children are about their birthdays and how much they want to share their celebrations with classmates.

However, in these days of healthy messages and food allergies could I please request that you keep the class treat simple, bearing in mind that not all children are able to celebrate this way. A small fairy cake would be sufficient if you choose to send a treat for classmates. Please check the Food and Nutrition Policy for further details (available on our website).

SCHOOL PROCEDURE IN EVENT OF BAD WEATHER (SNOW)

Every attempt will be made to open the school as normal during adverse weather conditions. Where it is impossible to ensure the Health and Safety of the children, a decision will be made by myself and the Governors to close the school until conditions improve.

In such a case you are advised to:

- Check SMA website and Parent App.
- Check your mobile phone for "school closure" text messages.
- Listen to local radio stations or check their websites for school updates. They are invaluable sources of information on such occasions.

PROCEDURES FOR DETERIORATING WEATHER THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL DAY

Should the weather deteriorate as the day progresses and you are concerned about picking up your child(ren), please contact the school. Please note that **SCHOOL DOES NOT CLOSE EARLY WITHOUT NOTICE**. It remains open until the last child safely leaves the building.

E-SAFETY

We are sure that many children received electronic gizmos and gadgets from Father Christmas. As most of these devices can connect to the internet, it's never too early to reinforce the importance of staying safe on-line. Most devices have different safety features designed to protect children and ensure they can browse the web as safely as possible.

SMA E-Safety and Acceptable Use Policy states that we encourage parents/carers to:

- Discuss e-safety issues with their children, supporting the school in its e-safety policy and reinforcing appropriate behaviour at home and in school.
- Not allow their child to lie about their age and access social networking sites e.g. Facebook.
- Dissuade pupils from posting or uploading photographs /videos online.

SAFER INTERNET DAY

Each year we carry out work for Safer Internet Day. This year Safer Internet Day is on the 5th February and the key message is 'Together for a Better Internet'.

DOGS ON SITE

Please be reminded that dogs are **NOT ALLOWED** on site as per City Council guidelines, this includes dogs being carried.

PE KITS

Please ensure that your child has his/her PE kit in school at all times, thank you.