



# Margarretting C of E Primary School Newsletter

*No Limits on Learning*

*With God All Things are Possible*

*(Matthew 19:26)*



**Courageous optimism**

**Boundless creativity**

**Heartfelt compassion**

NEWSLETTER DATE: 18-12-2020

Twitter: @MPCofEPrimary

Dear Parents,

We can't believe that we are end the end of the Autumn Term already! Despite the challenges of Covid-19, it has been a successful start to the academic year. Thank you for your continued support in what has been a very strange term. The children have now been set up on Google Classrooms. Please do not use this unless instructed by school.

We missed the children who were not in school this week and we hope that the children and their families are well. The children who were in school had a fun and festive end of term. The children all enjoyed watching the virtual pantomime. Thank you to the PTFA for purchasing this. It was great seeing the children in their Christmas clothing having a great time on Christmas Fun Day. Lots of the children also enjoyed engaging in their community projects for this term. Year 1/2 made Christmas decorations for the church and Year 3/4 painted Christmas pebbles for the local community. See Twitter for the photos of the children delivering their items.

Year 3/4 had a great time at the Snakes Alive workshop on Wednesday and some of them were even able to touch the snakes! Social distancing and regular handwashing were in place at all times. It was a wonderful way for the children to finish off their topic on rainforests.

Mrs Monger has emailed all parents a copy of the club letter for next term. Please email her as soon as possible to secure your child's place at a club. Her email is [admin@margarretting.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@margarretting.essex.sch.uk). Places will be given on a first come first served basis and are limited to 15 children per club.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and all of your families a happy, healthy and safe Christmas. Thank you for all of the wonderful cards and gifts for staff—they are greatly appreciated! We look forward to welcoming the children back in 2021!.

Mrs M. O'Regan (Executive Headteacher, B. Mus, HDip in Ed, NPQH) and Miss M. Bryan (Head of School, BA Hons, PGCE)

PTO for information on Covid-19 procedures during the Christmas holidays.

## TERM DATES:

4th and 5th January 2021—INSET days for staff training

6th January 2021— First day of Spring 1

11th January—CLUBS START (every week until the end of term)

8th February 2021— Last Forest Schools session for Year 2

18th January—Year 6 Cyber Safety talk from Essex Fire and Rescue Services

11th February—Parents' Evening

12th February— Last day of Spring 1

22nd February— First day of Spring 1  
22nd February—Forest Schools to start for Year 1

26th March—Last day of Spring 2

12th April—First day of Summer 1

3rd May—Bank Holiday— School closed

28th May—Last day of Summer

1 7th June—First day of Summer 2

18th June—INSET day for staff training

12th July—Last Forest Schools session for Year 1

20th July—Last day of Summer 2

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Please see the letters sent on 14.12.20 which outlines the arrangements for the Christmas holidays in case your child **tests positive** with Covid-19 over the Christmas holidays.

Mrs O'Regan will be on duty from **19<sup>th</sup> December to 24<sup>th</sup> December from 8am to 12 noon** daily on the mobile number **07871724903**. Please call this number if you have received a positive test result and then she will call every child and member of staff in that bubble so that they can isolate. The mobile number will not be available after the 24<sup>th</sup> December. **If you have Covid-19 on or after 25<sup>th</sup> December**, phone the school land line number on **4<sup>th</sup> January 2021**.

Please call 119 or get in contact with your local GP if you have any queries about your health or symptoms.

**A snap shot of what we've been up to this week:**



Here at Margaretting, and all our LIFE schools, the safety of our children is of paramount importance. With this in mind, you are welcomed to use the car park outside The Red Lion pub on Main Road when dropping off and collecting your children from school. This avoids a build up of traffic down Penny's Lane and enables our children to exit the building, and cross the road, safely. We thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

