



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

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you and your families. Unfortunately this is not the start to the new term that we had planned but we are pleased to have Google Classroom up and running and to see some children in school.

Children who have returned to school have settled in well and enjoyed completing their work and making friends with the children in their new bubble. The children in school are now in one bubble, (see letter dated 4th January), however they are often split into age appropriate groups to support their learning during different parts of the day.

Children who are working on Google Classroom at home have been getting to know it well and are working hard! We have managed to answer all your questions and solve technical problems, however please phone school at any time if you need further support. There will be announcements given out by teachers every day on Google Classroom and some of these announcements will contain explanations of how to complete the work that day. Your child needs to comment on this post every morning, as a form of registration. By now, we would expect that your child will have accessed their online learning. We will phone you if your child has not registered on Google Classroom, to offer you support. Your child may upload their work on Google Classroom every day. (Please see the email sent on 6th January for how to submit work electronically, if you need support). Some children have chosen to work using hard copies and paper. Teachers are working hard to make the learning fun, interesting and challenging. As well as teaching, preparing and assessing work in school, teachers are also planning the new learning for Google Classroom and marking submitted work. We know that it is not quite the same as your child being in the classroom but we are trying our best! If you need assistance, do feel free to contact the teacher directly on Google Classroom. We also recognise that having your children at home and supporting this Home Learning, while working from home is a real challenge. Please just try your best.

Here is a link for how to access online learning through games consoles:
<https://www.pocket-lint.com/apps/news/google/155204-how-to-use-google-classroom-on-xbox-and-playstation>

Starting from 15th January, we will hold a live weekly virtual assembly on Google Classroom. This will start at 11:15am. This will give us the chance to come together as a school community and celebrate the work the children have done that week. The link and more details will follow in a separate letter. PTO

TERM DATES:

- 11th January—CLUBS START
(CANCELLED)
- 8th February 2021— Last Forest Schools session for Year 2
- 18th January—Year 6 Cyber Safety talk from Essex Fire and Rescue Services (CANCELLED)
- 11th February—Parents' Evening
(TO BE CONFIRMED)
- 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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- 20th July—Last day of Summer 2
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If your child is attending school, please be aware that they will be having PE on a Tuesday and Friday and will need to wear PE kit. For children at home, Joe Wicks will be starting PE next Monday at 9am.

As we are now in lockdown, many of the dates in the right hand column of this newsletter are subject to change. We are in discussions with LIFE Education Trust as to what dates are suitable to move events to. We will update the information as soon as we can.

As you may have seen in the media, SATs have been cancelled for this academic year.

We are aware that we have sent out a lot of communication this week. However changes happened very quickly and we wanted to keep you up to date. We apologise for the amount of information, but hope you have found it helpful.

Vouchers for children who receive Universal Free School Meals (not EYFS and Key Stage 1) will be sent in the post while the Government organise how they will send the next set of vouchers.

We would like to thank all the staff, the governors and LIFE for their constant hard work, support and positive attitude in these unusual times.

Please stay safe and well.

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

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.

