



Margarretting C of E Primary School Newsletter

No Limits on Learning

With God All Things are Possible

(Matthew 19:26)



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Courageous optimism

Boundless creativity

Heartfelt compassion

Dear Parents,

What an end to the half term! We have all enjoyed the snow this week even though it has brought some challenges. The children in school and at home have been making fantastic snow models and keeping up with #take5withFatima by exercising outside in the fresh, cold air. Do keep up the exercise over half term because it is good for your mental and physical health.

As you are aware, last week was children's mental health awareness week. However, we always want to look after the children at our school and keep them safe and healthy. The Young Minds charity have created a useful 'Supporting Parents Helpfinder'. By answering six questions, parents can find out how to support their child's mental health during the pandemic (and beyond). Here is the link: <https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/> Young Minds have also created a useful poster highlighting ways to give support to children when they have angry feelings or outbursts and this may help families start a conversation and talk about each other's feelings. Here is the poster: <https://youngminds.org.uk/media/4291/when-emotions-explode-poster.pdf>

Thank you to parents who spoke to the class teachers this week for their child's Parents' Evening appointment. It was great for the teachers to catch up with you to discuss how well your child is doing at home.

This has been an unusual and challenging half term in lots of ways and many of us have had to adapt quickly to different ways of learning. We wanted to take this opportunity to say thank you to the staff in school for keeping the school open and managing online learning—they have all been amazing. Thank you to Mr Fewell for teaching the children PE and to Ash Lee for the dance lessons. Thank you too to our wonderful Governing Body and LIFE Education Trust for the continued support. Thank you also to each and every parent, who has successfully managed home learning and for your constant support. Finally, we want to say thank you to the children—we are so proud of how they have coped this half term and they have produced some excellent work.

Have a great half term everyone and please stay safe.

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

TERM DATES:

- 12th February— Last day of Spring 1
- 22nd February— First day of Spring 1
- 22nd February—Forest Schools to start for Year 1 (CANCELLED)
- 24th March—BMX Workshop for Year 5/6 (separate letter to follow)
- 26th March—Last day of Spring 2
- 12th April—First day of Summer 1
- 1 3rd May—Bank Holiday— School closed
- 18th May—World War II Day for Year 5/6 (separate letter to follow)
- 28th May—Last day of Summer 1
- 1 7th June—First day of Summer 2
- 2 18th June—INSET day for staff training
- 12th July—Last Forest Schools session for Year 1
- 20th July—Last day of Summer 2
- 12th July—Last Forest Schools session for Year 1
- 20th July—Last day of Summer 2
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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.



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