



# 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,

It has been a great week of learning and we are so delighted to have your children back in school. The children have loved reconnecting with their friends and have settled well into the school day routine. We are so proud of how they have adapted from being on Google Classroom to coming back into real life learning. We will continue to support the children and give them exciting opportunities in their classrooms.

Remember that your child is allowed to bring a healthy snack to eat at school at break times. This is especially important if they struggle to eat breakfast in the mornings. Children in Key Stage 1 have fruit provided for them free of charge, although of course they can bring in a snack from home. Children in Key Stage 2 have to bring in their own snack. Healthy snacks keep the children fuller for longer and help them to concentrate and learn better. Healthy snacks may include a plain biscuit, fruit, cheese, a yoghurt or a sandwich but there are many more that your child can have.

Please remember to book your child's lunch on Parent Pay by 8:30am on the day that they require it. As you will be aware, we do not have a kitchen in school and the food is ordered early each morning so it can be prepared and collected. Ingatestone provide us with a portion of food for each child and so it is not possible to prepare a lunch on the school premises. If, on the rare occasion you are not able to order your child's lunch by 8:30am on the day on Parent Pay, then you must contact the school to inform us. Remember that school dinners can be ordered far in advance. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

We have read an interesting article about using subtitles when watching TV. Out of 2350 children, 34% became good readers with schooling alone, however by using subtitles for 30 minutes a week, that more than doubled to 70%. The full article is available on [www.turnonsubtitles.org](http://www.turnonsubtitles.org). It is based a little on the Reading Recovery theory. But the article is definitely an interesting read.

We are aware that a new Fortnite version was released this week. Do make sure you monitor who your child speaks to on this game and make sure that they are only playing games/apps that are suitable for their age.

**We have cases of headlice in school so please check your child's hair.**

Have a great weekend everyone and 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:

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

12th April—Forest Schools to start for Year 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

17th June—First day of Summer 2

18th June—INSET day for staff training

25th June—EYFS and Year 1/2— 'Life Long Ago' experience (separate letter to follow)

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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1st September—INSET Day

2nd September—First day of Autumn 1

22nd October—Last day of Autumn 1

1st November—First day of Au-



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**Awards**

The Headteacher's Award has been awarded to Ava Jean-Barham.

The LOL (Love of Learning) Award has been awarded to Fabian Kirk.

The SCB Writing Award has been awarded to Jessica Chapman.

The Reading Award has been awarded to Olivia Weeks.

The Environmental Award has been awarded to Will Smith.

The Maths Award has been awarded to Faby Monger.

The Dance Award has been awarded to Mason Hull.

The Arts Award has been awarded to Jimmy McGrath.

The Stringer Star award has been awarded to Elsie Smith.

The Sports Star Award has been awarded to Bluebelle Barlow.

The Lola June Homework award has been awarded to Rosamund Turk.

Certificates this week went to Kashayde Watson, Evie Warren, Oscar Jones and Albie Tabram.

Remember to bring in achievements from outside of school too!

**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.

