



# 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,

This is our last week of learning on Google Classroom before we welcome all children back to school on Monday! We are so proud of all of the children and how they have adapted to this new way of learning. We are also so delighted with the children in school. They have worked so hard. However, we look forward to welcoming all children back to school so that they can be with their friends and teachers again in real life. From Monday 8th March it is a legal obligation for your child to attend school. If your child is unwell, please call the office by 9am as you would do normally.

We have updated our risk assessment and will do everything we can to keep the school community as safe as possible. Touch points in school will be cleaned regularly and children will clean their hands at least six times during the day. We will also use the 'bubble' system so children will stay in their classes at play and lunchtimes. Do make sure that your child brings a coat to school and remember we have the shoe tubs in the class, if they want to bring in old shoes to wear. We will be outside whatever the weather.

School staff have been given the opportunity to complete two lateral flow tests a week, at home, since January. The purpose of this testing strategy is to break the chain of transmission of Covid 19 and our school is pleased to be supporting this programme in the effort to eradicate the virus. Lateral flow tests are now available to any family who has a child at primary or secondary school. The school does not provide the tests for you, you will need to visit <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests> for more information and to order the tests. Please be aware that the tests are not compulsory and your child does not have to take a test to come to school.

We have updated the school library and the reading scheme. If your child brings home a different coloured book band, please do not worry. All of the band colours have changed. If your child has any school books at home, please bring them in Monday so they can be collected.

From Tuesday 9th March, the Year 5/6 will be completing some team building sports activities every Tuesday, until the Easter holidays. This will help them prepare for secondary school. Please make sure your child wears PE kit on those days.

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:

8th March—all children to return to school

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 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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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.

