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Lots to “Thank You” for this week! First of all, thank you for supporting the school by encouraging your child to have a school dinner on Thursday—we had at least 50 meals more than usual ordered. We calculated that we should receive 93% of the funding we are entitled. Well done to Katie, Marco and Avalon who were all lucky plate winners and have each chosen a class treat.

Thank you also to the parents who have completed the survey monkey questionnaire about the school food. We have had some useful feedback. If you would like to add your views to the survey it will be open until Friday 26th January—follow the link we sent home on last week’s email with the newsletter. Once we have closed the survey we will analyse the results and update you. The children are also being asked their opinion about the food and completing questionnaires in school.

Thank you also for the toys you have sent in. We are really grateful for them and the children have enjoyed having new things to play with. Please remember us next time you are having a clear out!

Y2 held a maths workshop on Wednesday for parents to attend and work alongside their child to see how we teach addition now. The next workshop is on Wednesday 30th January for Y2 parents to find out about subtraction. Many parents are surprised by how different learning maths is now from when they were at school and find the workshops useful to support their child at home. There will be other workshops run by different year groups so please keep a watch out for notifications.

Family Learning has started again on Friday mornings for parents and carers of Reception children—this is a fun way to find out more about phonics and how your child learns to read and write. Your child will join you for part of the session so you can see their learning in action. Please contact Miss Berry if you are interested in this.

We are very proud of this week’s Star Pupils!



Beech — Freddie has shown a massive improvement in his attention and concentration this week!

Pine — Sophia showed excellent knowledge during a healthy eating discussion in the Life Education Van.

Apple — Avalon has an excellent attitude to learning and finding ways to get out of the ‘learning pit’.

Oak — Grace has a great attitude and behaviour and has tried really hard to be a responsible, kind person.

Birch — Lucy is extremely motivated in all lessons, takes on advice and has a great growth mindset!

Rowan — Connor shows great learning behaviours; excellent listening, looking, sitting and effort.

Cherry — Max is an enthusiastic learner and a thoughtful friend. He’s a great member of our class.

Maple — Toby M takes responsibility for his own learning and participates in all class discussions.

Holly — Summer has shown great perseverance in her maths learning this week. Well done!

Willow — Honey approaches her work with a great attitude, believing in herself.

Hawthorn — Max has shown good focus and enthusiasm in his writing. We look forward to reading the final piece.

Hazel — Ava has an excellent, aspirational attitude towards her learning. Well done!

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 22nd January—Maple Class swimming lessons

Wednesday 24th January at 2:40pm—Y4 assembly for parents

Don't forget to check the eSchools calendar for future events.



Attendance Award
Congratulations to
Hawthorn Class
for winning the School
Attendance Award with
97.7% attendance.

The whole school achieved 96.4% attendance. Let's keep this up all year!



If you receive this newsletter by email only, did you know there is an eSchools app you can download from the App Store or from Google Play? This is not the same app you use to pay for school meals or trips. eSchools is how we communicate with you and shows you calendar dates, attendance etc. for your child as well as letters home and messages. We will soon be opening up the next round of bookings for Y1—Y6 parents meetings which will be taking place immediately after the half term so if you have not yet logged on to eschools through the app or through our website (the green login at the top of our website will give you information about your child) we are happy to help if you cannot remember your username and password. The app is a quick and efficient way for us to communicate with you and it means your children do not miss out on school events as you can check the diary and receive notification about non uniform days, etc. If you do have the app on your phone perhaps you could show other parents how it works and help them to get set up.

We do have a Twitter page too where we post photographs of the children learning and playing. You do not have to have a Twitter account yourself to see these as they scroll through the homepage of our website or you can just search for St Margaret's Academy Twitter page or click on the link at the top of this newsletter each week [@stmargaretstg](https://twitter.com/stmargaretstg). We often retweet links to local events for children or handy links for parents.

The Parent/Carer page of the website is full of information we often get asked about (what the term times dates are, what the current menu is, etc) so please do check our website. If you can think of any information that is missing from our website which parents would find useful, please let us know.

The Life Education Van

The children have been enjoying their visits to the Life Education Van this week. The younger children have met Harold (a giraffe) and learning about staying healthy. More classes will visit next week before the van moves on to other schools.



End of the School Day

If your plans have changed for collecting your child at the end of the day, please call the office in good time—preferably before 2:30pm to allow the staff time to take the message and deliver it to your child. There can be a stream of calls in the last 15 minutes which makes it very difficult for the office staff to ensure they have delivered the messages all around the school before the end of the day. If you have a planned change then please let your child's class teacher know in the morning.

Please note, your child's teacher should be the first person you speak to on all matters if you have a concern, a question or information to pass on. Thank you.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.