



St Margaret's Mailing

'Grace, Strength, Love'

Headteacher: Mrs Rachel Kershaw

Assistant Headteachers: Mrs Lucy Hancock & Mrs Victoria Greenough

Issue 8: 13th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term... even though it feels anything but Spring like at the moment! We have had a busy start to the new term and I would like to thank all of the KS1 parents for their support with the new gate arrangements in place. These really have made a huge difference to the mornings in KS1 and the children have adapted with ease to the new routines.

Monday saw the launch of our exciting new spelling approach across the school and the children are really embracing this, and I am sure this will improve the confidence of many children with tricky word spellings. Please do read the letter issued yesterday as it has all the access details for the app included.

This term also sees a range of enrichment provision in place for many children including Year 3 getting professional badminton lessons, Year 4 working with a professional dancer in preparation for their Let's Dance performance in March, Year 5 swimming and Year 6 off to Volleyball sessions at Yellowwave! Our mixed Y6 football team are also off to the U11 Sussex Finals on Tuesday as we were the Brighton and Hove school winners - so best of luck to them!

Finally, today saw Mr Sharp and I hand over the reins to Bastien (Y1) who was our Site Manager for the day, and Etienne (Y4) and Grace (Y6) who were our Headteachers for the day - what a great job they did! They have written a little about their experiences below.

Wishing you all a good weekend, Rachel Kershaw (and the mini Headteachers!)

A day in the life of a Headteacher and Site Manager....!

Being a Headteacher and Site Manager is hard work and harder than we expected. The day started with celebration assembly, and then straight into a parent tour. We then had to do break duty for KS1 and KS2. Meanwhile the mini Site Manager was inspecting all the special cabinets making sure everything was ok around the building. After that, we had to work together to do a termly whole site premises check that Mrs Kershaw and Mr Sharp have to do - we thought this was difficult work!

Then we had a brief break for lunch before more duties called! After lunch we had a surprise for all of the children and Year 6 were the loudest when we told them that they all had some golden time on Friday afternoon!! No golden time for us though, as we had to get on with more work, typing up the pupil voice assemblies we had this week on reading!

Our favourite part of the day was lunchtime - when we actually got to have a break for a few minutes!

Written by Grace, Etienne and Bastien



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Appropriate clothing in school

A reminder to please ensure your child has appropriate clothing in school and when coming to and from school. The weather really has been challenging over recent weeks, and always seems to pick drop off and pick up times for a downpour!

Some children are not wearing coats to school and are coming in soaked through and sitting in wet clothes, needing to dry their hair and are cold. This is not the best start to a day for anyone, so please make sure your child has a coat in school and appropriate footwear for this time of year. Thank you.

School places for four year olds!



Apply now online for a school place at
www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/schooladmissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2018 and 31 August
2019, you need to apply for a school place by
15 January 2023

For a hard copy of the
application pack please email
the School Admissions Team at
schooladmissions@brighton-hove.gov.uk
or phone 01273 293653.



Admissions 2023

A reminder that the closing date for applications for September 2023 is **Sunday 15th January 2023**.

Our tours over the last few months have been the best we've had, and I even had to do an extra one this morning due to demand - it is so lovely to hear what parents who do not come to our school say about the school as we go around, and as ever, it is a joy to show off our children and their learning!

Thank you to our Year 6 children who have been joining me on the tours to give their 'unedited' view of the school!

Learning skills awards

We are working hard on having a 'growth mindset' across the school, and each week, we have a whole focus on a particular learning skill, and then we present our award winners with a certificate.

'Creativity'

YR - Scout
Y1 - Cameron
Y2 - Teddy W
Y3 - River
Y4 - Arabella
Y5 - George
Y6 - Albert

Well done also to our X Tables Rockstars winners, and Billy (Y2) our PE and Forest school star of the week!



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SPRING TERM 2023 DATES FOR PARENTS

JANUARY 2023	
MONDAY 16 th	•
TUESDAY 17 th	• Am U11 Sussex Finals football
WEDNESDAY 18 th	• Pm Y6 start @ Yellowwave for 3 weeks
THURSDAY 19 th	• School Census Day
FRIDAY 20 th	•
MONDAY 23 rd	•
TUESDAY 24 th	•
WEDNESDAY 25 th	•
THURSDAY 26 th	•
FRIDAY 27 th	•
JANUARY / FEBRUARY	
MONDAY 30 th	•
TUESDAY 31 st	•
WEDNESDAY 1 st	•
THURSDAY 2 nd	•
FRIDAY 3 rd	•
MONDAY 6 th	•
TUESDAY 7 th	•
WEDNESDAY 8 th	• Pm Y5 & 6 Athletics @ BACA
THURSDAY 9 th	•
FRIDAY 10 th	• 3.15pm Finish for half term
HALF TERM – MONDAY 13 th FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 17 th FEBRUARY	
MONDAY 20 th	• 8.40am School reopens to all • Reception – nurse screening
TUESDAY 21 st	•
WEDNESDAY 22 nd	• 9.15am Ash Wednesday service in Church (parents / carers welcome to join us)
THURSDAY 23 rd	•
FRIDAY 24 th	•
FEBRUARY / MARCH	
MONDAY 27 th	• WHOLE SCHOOL READING WEEK – details to follow • Pm Y5 & Y6 mixed netball tournament at Patcham
TUESDAY 28 th	•
WEDNESDAY 1 st	•
THURSDAY 2 nd	• World Book Day – further details to follow
FRIDAY 3 rd	•



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NOTICES FOR PARENTS

EVERYONE WELCOME

Warm and
Social Space



PLEASE JOIN US IN A WARM
SPACE FOR HOT DRINKS, SOUP
AND FRIENDSHIP

St Patrick's Church, Broad Green
Woodingdean, BN2 6TB
Every Monday from
2 January 2023
10:00 - 13:00

Come and join us!