



St Margaret's CEVA Primary School Newsletter



Friday 20th December 2024

Autumn 7



Christmas Performances

We have been spoilt with wonderful performances over the past two weeks, including the Early Years and Year 1 'Christmas Sparkle', Year 2 Nativity and the KS2 Carol Concert on Friday. Hopefully you will have managed to see at least one of these joyful events. The choir have also participated in the Primary Schools Christmas service and sung for the residents at Tudor Court, and KS2 have enjoyed 'Jack and the Beanstalk' pantomime that came in to school. The children have managed to fit in rehearsing alongside the curriculum and are still learning right up until Friday! They are working incredibly hard.



Christmas Bazaar

An enormous well done and thank you to the PTA, who managed to raise an incredible £3,073.70 at the Christmas Bazaar! Thank you also to all of you who supported it. Special thanks to Mr Clayton for dressing up as Santa, Mrs Shinkins and Mrs Kershaw for the organisation.

These funds are used directly to take the children out of school on educational visits that school just can't afford, and it means that parents and carers don't have to pay. We are incredibly thankful to our PTA for helping to enhance the children's experience here at school.





Choir Update



Upper School Choir recently entered Barnados' National Primary Schools' Choir Competition. We have just received the results of the latest round and sadly our school choir has not been chosen to go forward to the final.

However, we received some excellent feedback including how well balanced our choir voices are and their 'a cappella' singing (unaccompanied) was given particular praise. We are keen to enter again next year and see if we can get further next time! Our next big event will be at the Music for Youth Regional Festival, being held at Snape Maltings for the first time. More on this in the New Year!

Thank you to Mrs Gower for all the effort she puts into creating these wonderful opportunities for our children.



Jack Abbott MP Christmas Card Competition

We're delighted to let you know that Savreen in Year 2, was in the top three designs submitted as part of Jack Abbott MP's Christmas Card Competition. Well done Savreen, you will receive your prize of book vouchers when they arrive.



Thanks to Mrs Curtis for sending these off.





Book Advent Calendar



Sea Turtles have been enjoying sharing their favourite books as part of their book advent calendar. They each wrapped up and brought in their favourite book from home. One is chosen each day to be read in class. The children are loving sharing the stories with each other and it is wonderful to see how enthusiastic they have been for story time.



Merry Christmas to all!



On behalf of all the staff and governors at St Margaret's CEVA Primary, I wish you all the joy and peace of Christmas.

A Christmas Blessing

May the joy of the angels, The gladness of the shepherds, The worship of the wisemen, And the peace of the Christ child be yours, this Christmas.

<https://www.stmargaretsipswich.org.uk/church-life/whats-on/>

Useful Contacts whilst school is closed

Domestic abuse local support: <https://www.lighthousewa.org.uk/>

Samaritans: <https://www.samaritans.org/how-we-can-help/contact-samaritan/>

Campaign against living miserably: <https://www.thecalmzone.net/>



Bereavement Support: <https://www.cruse.org.uk/>



National Domestic Abuse Helpline: <https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>

GOV.UK Immigration Update

The UK Government is replacing physical immigration documents with eVisas, a digital proof of immigration status.

Parents and guardians of children who are not British or Irish citizens, and whose children have either a biometric residence permit (BRP) card expiring on 31 December 2024, or a passport with an indefinite leave to remain ink stamp or vignette sticker, should take action to access their eVisa now, and do so on behalf of their children too.

An eVisa cannot be lost or stolen and can be accessed online by visa holders at any time to prove their rights in the UK. It's free and their immigration status won't be affected.





Subject Leader Profile

Mrs Hall - History



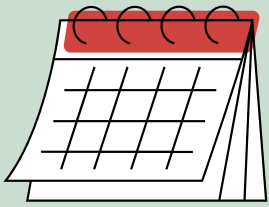
I have had a long-standing interest in history and am pleased to lead and share my interest with others. At St Margaret's Primary School, we want history to awaken children's interest and curiosity about the past in Britain, the wider world and help them to understand the diversity of human experience.

History opens up our understanding of the present by giving us the tools to analyse and explain events of the past, it enables us to see patterns that might otherwise be invisible in the present – thus providing a crucial perspective for understanding, and solving, current and future problems.

In today's modern world, it is more important than ever for pupil's to debate and consider information, not just accept what they are told. Therefore, we aim for a high-quality history curriculum that has been designed and sequenced to equip our children with a secure, coherent knowledge of British, local and world history. Curriculum content is knowledge and vocabulary rich, allowing children to develop their understanding of abstract concepts as they move through the school. Our aim by the end of the children's primary education is for them to articulate their understanding of the past, present and future confidently. They will also understand the process of change, the diversity of societies as well as their own identity. All vital in enabling them to be historians, with transferable skills, who are ready for the intriguing world we live in today.

“A generation which ignores history has no past – and no future.” – Robert A. Heinlein

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Dates for diary



Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 7th January	Spring Term Starts	
Friday 7th February	NSPCC Number Day	Info to follow
Tuesday 11th February	Safer Internet Day	
Friday 14th February	Wellbeing and French Enrichment Day	

Academic Calendar Dates:

<https://www.stmargaretsipswich.org/term-dates/>



For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.