St Margaret's CEVAP School

Autumn Newsletter 2

Dear Parents and Carers

The academic year is now well underway and there is already much to celebrate and be proud of.

Our new Reception children have made an excellent start and impressed us with their confidence and readiness to learn. At the other end of the school, Year 6 are working hard to ensure they achieve the best outcomes they can this year. They are excited about their residential trip to Bawdsey PGL, which takes place from Wednesday to Friday next week. The rest of the children in school are enjoying getting to know their new teachers and adapting to the routines of a new class.

The school has several key priorities this year, including…

- ✓ Improving outcomes in writing, with a focus on grammar and the writing process
- ✓ Introducing a new phonics scheme, called *Little Wandle* in Reception
- ✓ Adapting the delivery of our curriculum to ensure it meets the needs of all pupils
- ✓ Promoting parental engagement

Thank you to everyone who attended the *Meet the Teacher* sessions. We plan to have more events to welcome you into school over the coming months, including parents' evenings and a phonics workshop for EYFS parents.

Don't forget to visit our website too for a wealth of information about life in school. We make every effort to keep the calendar up to date, so you can check what's happening for the rest of this term. Mrs McCann and I enjoy seeing you on the playground at the start and end of each day and are happy to talk if you need clarification about any current initiative.

Mr Gates
Interim Co-Headteacher

A Message from Mrs Flood (EYFS Leader)

We are so proud of how well Reception have settled into their new classes. It's been wonderful to watch the children grow in confidence, as they explore, play, learn and make new friends.

The children have engaged brilliantly with new routines, and our Proud Puffin and Proud Penguin certainly agree too. Well done Reception for a super start!





Dates

Harvest Service for pupils
Monday 28th September
Please bring non-perishable food donations

Year 6 Residential Trip
30th September - 2nd October

School Photographs being taken
Thursday 8th October

Hello Yellow Day
Friday 9th October
Wear yellow clothing to school if you can

Parents' Evening
Tuesday 20th October 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Parents' Evening
Thursday 22nd October 3.30pm – 6.30pm

PD Day School is closed
Friday 23rd October

Half Term Holiday
Friday 23rd October – Sunday 1st November

Back to school
Monday 2nd November

Odd Socks Day and Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 16th November

EYFS Christmas Sparkle
Tuesday 15th December (timing TBC)
Parents are invited

Years 1 & 2 Nativity in church
Wednesday 16th December (pm)
Parents are invited

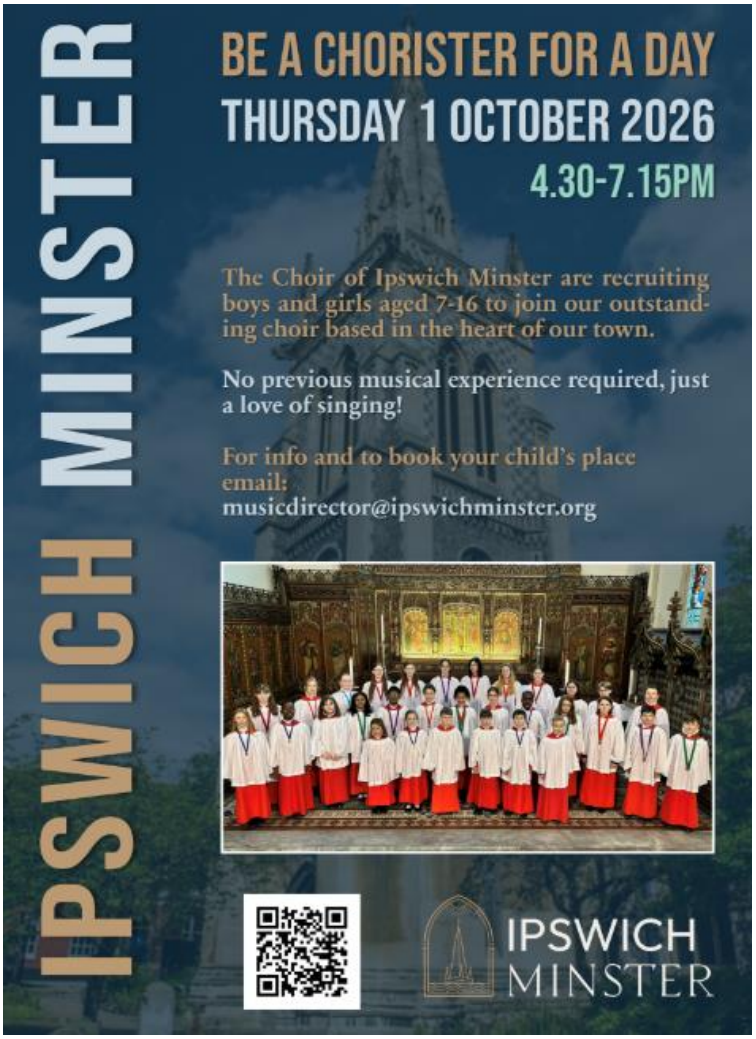
Christmas Parties and Lunch
Thursday 17th December

KS2 Carol Service
TBC

Last day of term
Friday 18th December

Back to school
Tuesday 5th January

Term dates are on our website.





High Expectations for All

As a school team, we have the highest expectations for all pupils and are working hard to ensure that every child achieves the best they can by the time they leave St Margaret's. A carefully considered approach is followed to ensure that this happens.

Autumn Term

- ✓ Ongoing teacher assessment to identify gaps and adapt teaching. We have just purchased a new tracking system to improve this
- ✓ Parents' evenings (20th and 22nd October) to discuss key areas for development
- ✓ No written report this term
- ✓ Teachers meet with Senior Leaders for *Pupil Progress meetings* where each child is discussed, and any actions identified and implemented eg. referrals, interventions etc
- ✓ As well as receiving feedback at Full Governing Body meetings, the governors come into school for a practical Monitoring Day

Spring Term

- ✓ This process is repeated

Summer Term

- ✓ Annual reports are shared with parents instead of a meeting
- ✓ End of year outcomes are reported and celebrated
- ✓ Teachers liaise with the next class teacher to ensure smooth transition in September
- ✓ Thorough transition takes place with pre-school settings and high schools

Developing the Curriculum

As well as having a drive for high standards, staff are careful to make sure that the curriculum is delivered in an engaging and exciting way. This year we have introduced 4 key **Curriculum Drivers** which will direct the way lessons are planned and delivered. Keep an eye on our school website as the curriculum pages will be updated early in the Spring Term to reflect this new approach.

Aspiration

Develops pupils who believe in themselves. Encourages pupils to aim high, challenge themselves and take responsibility for their learning through high expectations, purposeful reflection and applying knowledge. Pupils grow into independent learners who strive for their best and believe in their future.

Communication

Communication enables pupils to express themselves clearly, confidently and with emotional awareness. Through rich language experiences, opportunities for dialogue and explicit teaching of self-regulation, children learn to articulate their thoughts, feelings and ideas effectively. Communication builds strong relationships, supports wellbeing and equips pupils with the skills to connect with others and engage positively in learning and life.

Diversity

Diversity ensures every pupil is seen, valued and supported through an inclusive, representative and globally-aware curriculum. By adapting teaching and learning to meet the needs of all children, we create equitable access to knowledge and experiences. Diversity enables pupils to understand different perspectives, celebrate individuality and thrive within a community that reflects the wider world.

Mastery

Making learning stick and designing memorable experiences using cognitive science example retrieval, spaced practice schema building, ensuring children retain and apply knowledge over time. It develops confident learners who remember more and can do more and are ready for their next steps in learning.

New Breakfast Club

Jack Abbott (MP) came in to see our free school breakfast club. He sat and talked about his job and democracy with the children who enjoyed having a special visitor.

Details of how to sign up are on the next page.





Harvest

Thank you to the children at the Breakfast Club who produced some artwork for our Harvest display in church.

Thanks as well to our Worship Leaders who wrote the following prayer which will be shared in the Harvest Service on Monday.

Dear God

Thank you for our delicious food. Thank you for lovely rice, pasta, nachos, crisps, pizza, bread, fruits and vegetables, hot food and meat for those of us who eat it. Help us be thankful the next time we eat our favourite foods.

Thank you for the people who grow our food. Thank you for farmers and those who help maintain their machinery. Thank you for those who cook the food, the people who sell the food to us and those who deal with the food waste and leftovers. Help us to not be wasteful.

Please help us think of those who are less fortunate than us. Help us to donate where we can to those in need. Thank you for the people who run food banks, shelters and soup kitchens and places where people are supported.

Amen



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New email addresses

Please use the following email addresses to contact your child's class teacher.

penguins@stmargaretsipswich.org

puffins@stmargaretsipswich.org

Year1@stmargaretsipswich.org

Year2@stmargaretsipswich.org

Year3@stmargaretsipswich.org

Year4@stmargaretsipswich.org

Year5@stmargaretsipswich.org

Year6@stmargaretsipswich.org

Thank you

From the Bible

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

Stone Age Day

Year 3 had a visit from Memma on16th September. The children had great fun finding out about Stone Age clothing, tools and lifestyles





Live, Learn, Love

BEAVERS

AGED 6 - 8?

JOIN THE ADVENTURE!

17TH IPSWICH

EVERY MONDAY

CHRISTCHURCH TACKETT STREET

6:00PM - 7:15PM

MAKE FRIENDS, TRY NEW THINGS, HAVE FUN!

ADVENTURE FRIENDSHIP FUN!

EXPLORE

DISCOVER

GROW

BE PART OF SOMETHING BIG!

JOIN TODAY!

Contact us:

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