



**St. Margaret's**  
C.E. Primary School, Heywood

# Newsletter

11<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Dear Parents and Carers,



## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year to all parents and carers from the Children, Staff and Governing Body at St Margaret's. We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas.



### Reminders/Information:

- ☑ New club letters have gone out this week to sign up for clubs. If you have signed your child up to clubs your child should have received their letter back with the clubs stamped with a star they will be attending. Clubs will then commence Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January. If you have any questions please speak to Mr Roberts. **All clubs finish at 4:30 except Story Club and Recorder Club on a Thursday which finish at 4:15. Please can you be on time to pick up your child.**
- ☑ **All Thursday night after school clubs start Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January due to staff training.**

### PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE PRIZE-SPRING TERM 2013

This starts again for the new term. If your child is on time and in school every day for the spring term you and your child will have the chance to win a prize. Parents could win a £30 Morrison's voucher! It is crucial children are in school and on time every day in order they make maximum achievement.



### PUNCTUALITY

Punctuality improved last term - thank you for all your efforts!

**This still continues to be an area to improve into our new term.**

There will be a monthly prize for the class with the lowest lates. Well done to our Reception class who won this for December. Also starting next week we will be sending out texts to parents of children who have arrived late in school. This is in case you are not aware your child is arriving late as they may be making their own way to school or you are relying on someone else to drop them off. Our Education Welfare Officer will also be supporting school and will be helping with our prizes and achievements as well as supporting parents with getting their children into school and on time. The Education Welfare Officer and I will be carrying out 'Late Stops' this means we will be questioning parents who are arriving late with their child and offering support. 'Running' Late' and 'Got up late' are not acceptable reasons for children to be late in school. **THANKYOU TO ALL PARENTS WHO GET THEIR CHILD/CHILDREN INTO SCHOOL ON TIME - YOU ARE MAXIMISING YOUR CHILD'S ACHIEVEMENT!**

### RECEPTION AND YEAR 1

The children in Reception and Year 1 are getting to know their new teachers and have had a very settled and hard working first week back in school. Mrs Risby is teaching each morning in Year 1 and Mrs Risby and Mrs Murray have planned the learning for the afternoon which Mrs Murray is leading. After half term Mrs Risby will return full time.



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## CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL

**Please, please, please** if your child is attending a club after school they must attend every week. Registers are taken and if children are on the register we will expect them to be in attendance. If you or your child are unable to commit to this then we will have to take your child off the register. The children's safety is of the utmost importance! **After school we are unable to be responsible for ringing parents or checking with other members of staff to check children have been picked up by an adult (Reception to Year 4) if children should be attending a club.** Obviously if a child is ill (absent from school) or parents have communicated with the club leader that their child has an appointment we will be aware of this and will be able to mark this on the register. As a school we are fortunate to have so many clubs after school and many of the staff who lead these clubs give up their own time.



## CARS - PARKING OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL



All parents must park **legally, safely** and **sensibly** at the start and end of day. Our children's safety is crucial. If you have to bring your car to pick up your child please try to park away from school and walk a short distance.

## DOGS MUST NOT BE BROUGHT ONTO THE SCHOOL PREMISES

Please can I remind all parents that dogs are not allowed on the school premises, even if you are carrying them. This is due to health and safety. Thank you.



## FREE SMOKE ALARM

This week our Year 6 class were visited by the Fire Brigade. They are offering out to our parents **free** smoke alarms. Please ring 0800 555815 if you are interested.



## DATES FOR THIS TERM TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY (as at today - subject to change)

- ☑ Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January - Clubs start and Year 5 Cycling commences
- ☑ Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - Year 5 and Year 6 Assembly
- ☑ Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Bishop Mark visiting St Margaret's ( now re-scheduled to 14<sup>th</sup> March)
- ☑ Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February - Year 3 and Year 4 Assembly
- ☑ Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February - Parent's Evening
- ☑ Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Finish for half term
- ☑ Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Start new half term
- ☑ Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March - Year 1 and Year 2 Class Assembly
- ☑ Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Reception Class Assembly
- ☑ Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March - Year 6 - PGL
- ☑ Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Back from PGL
- ☑ Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of term
- ☑ Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April -Back in school for new term,

Thank you for all your support,



Mrs Maxine Beresford (Head teacher)