



St. Margaret's Preparatory School

Weekly Newsletter
News, Successes, Events and more!

**Friday, 2nd
February, 2018**



Late Waiters

A polite reminder that
Late Waiters only runs
until 5.20pm

If children are collected
after this time there is an
additional charge.

(for further details please

[click here](#))

House Points

Nugent - 229

Knight - 146

Wentworth - 176

Rolfe - 218

**Congratulations
Nugent!**

Dear Parents,

I want to begin by congratulating the U11 Netball team who returned triumphant from the ISA Eastern Regional Netball Tournament. The girls won every game on their way to winning the tournament and now progress to the national finals which will be held at Queen Ethelburga's in York. We are all very, very proud of what the girls have achieved. As I write this the ISA Eastern Region Football tournament is underway at Stoke College - we will let you know the results as soon as possible - no pressure then boys!

On the subject of sport, as many of you are aware, Mr Clark our Head of Games will be leaving St Margaret's at the end of this term. Mr Clark has been with the school since 2005 and has been instrumental in the development of sport and PE in that time. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mr Clark the very best of luck in his future endeavours and thanking him for his outstanding commitment to St Margaret's. I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Mr Thomas Clifton as his replacement. Mr Clifton joins us from Barnardiston Hall where he teaches PE and games. He is a graduate of the University of Kent where he studied sports science and he gained his PGCE from Bangor University. He has coached rugby, hockey, football and cricket to U13 level and plays 1st XV rugby for Newmarket RFC. Mr Clifton will take up his post as Head of Boys Games at the start of next term but will be visiting the school this term in order to meet the staff and pupils. Mrs Weaver will step up to lead the Games Department as a whole while continuing to head up girls games.

On Wednesday, the teaching members of the Leadership Team attended a Cognita Leadership conference in London where they were joined by 150 senior colleagues from UK Cognita schools for day spent sharing the best practice from within the group. This is the first event of its kind and Mrs Moss and Mrs Laurie were invited to lead sessions as they have acknowledged expertise in their fields. Congratulations to both of them - we are very fortunate to have such expertise in our school.

I particularly enjoyed Year 2's assembly on Friday where we all learnt about the space race and the first moon landing - well done Year 2, Mrs Barber and Mrs Lunn for an engaging and informative assembly. Immediately after the assembly I was lucky enough to sit in on a Year 3 maths lesson with Miss Gutteridge. The pupils were looking at word puzzles involving fractions and I was struck, not for the first time, by the culture of learning in the classroom. This is no accident and is the result of the teacher's consistent high expectations.

Finally, can I ask you to be considerate when parking on site and, wherever possible, to leave the campus in a timely fashion at the end of the day so as to relieve pressure on our parking space.

Best wishes for a relaxing weekend.

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Forest School Holiday Club

St Margaret's Prep School

Half Term 14th and 15th February

Children dropped off 8.45 am, finishing 4pm
Open to Years 1 to 6

Come and join us for some Forest School fun. Build dens, balance on ropes and swing from the trees. Use tools to create toys and light a fire to cook up a treat.

Cost £30 per child per day

Contact Sue "Squirrel" Harrison, Branching Outwoods on harrisonsue14@gmail.com to book or for more information



500 Words 2018

Entries are open from now until 7pm on Thursday 22nd February.

All stories must be submitted online

Parents can register for an account by following the links at the top of the BBC 500 Word homepage (please click the image to follow the link).

Once an account has been created, it can be used to upload a story.

For more information on how to enter a story into this

year's competition, please visit their [Submit Your Story page](#)

Good Luck!



ISA Eastern Regional U11 Netball 2018

31st January - Alleyn Court, Southend

The girls won all five of their preliminary matches, only conceding one goal along the way. The semi-final, against the host school, Alleyn Court, resulted in a 5-0 win setting up a final against last year's winners, Ursuline.

The final match score was 7-2, a phenomenal turn around of last year's result which was 1-7! The girls finished 1st overall and go to the Nationals being held at Queen Ethelburga's in York.



Mrs Weaver has received some calls from the schools we are set to compete against for the remainder of this term asking that their 'A' teams play our 'B' team as our 'A' squad is too strong! What a fantastic compliment, not only for the girls who are playing at such a high standard, but to Mrs Weaver and Madame Bordolli for their superb coaching! Well done to all of you.

Parent Internet Safety Event



Find us on Facebook at:
EST E Safety Training
 Find us online at:
www.esafetytraining.org
 Contact us at:
esafetytrainer@gmail.com

When you think about Stranger Danger are you thinking of a white van outside a school or a man with a dog that has just had puppies? This event we will take that message and turn it on its head.

John and John have a combined Police Service of over 50 years. In that time they have worked extensively in the world of investigating and managing paedophiles. They have both worked as covert officers targeting paedophiles online and as such have a unique insight into how they target our children.

The 2 Johns wrote and present the 'Walk Online Roadshow'. This is a presentation for children that was inspected by OFSTED in 2016 and was singled out by them in January 2017 as being an example of National Outstanding Practice. They have delivered the roadshow to over 30000 children in the past year and continue to receive outstanding reviews.

Unlike similar events this presentation will not be covering issues like password security or blocking software. The aim of the event is to bring parents totally up to date regards the apps their children are using and how they are being directly targeted in that environment by paedophiles. Because the children would have attended the Walk Online Roadshow earlier in the day the figures that are mentioned will be coming direct from the parents own children and are sure to shock everyone that attends.

The event will take parents on an uncomfortable journey where they will be left questioning the current perspective they have about their children's safety.

The 2 Johns provide all of the Online Child Sexual Exploitation training for Thurrock Safeguarding Children's Board, Basildon Community Safety team and many school consortiums and are respected County wide as the foremost experts in this field.

Community catch-up Clinics for School Based Immunisations



Essex Partnership University
 NHS Foundation Trust

<u>Loughton</u>		<u>Harlow</u>	
Rectory Lane Health Centre IG10 3RU		Tree House Children's Centre , CM18 7NG	
Monday 5 th February	*Friday 2 nd March	Monday 29 th January	* Monday 12 th March
		Wednesday 16 th May	*Tuesday 3 rd July
3.30-4.30 by Appointment and Walk In		3.30-4.30 by Appointment and Walk In	
<u>Uttlesford</u>			
Dunmow Community Clinic CM6 1BH Clinic Hall		Saffron Walden Community Hospital (B11 3HY Clinic Room A)	
Thursday 25 th January	Thursday 22 nd February	Monday 22 nd January	Monday 26 th March
	Tuesday 22 nd May		Monday 25 th June
	Tuesday 10 th July		
3.30-4.30 by Appointment and Walk In		3.30-4.30 by Appointment and Walk In	

West Essex Immunisation team

Epping: 01279 827141

Dunmow: 01371 877417



Forest School

Year 2 started their Forest School sessions this week. As you may have seen on the previous page, Sue Squirrel is also running a two day Forest School during half term for everybody from Year 1 - 6.



See Facebook for a whole album of photos

Year 2 Assembly - The Moon Race!



BRONZE

Well done to

Elsie L (3F)
 Florence B (3F)
 Thomas L (3G)
 William L (3G)
 Esme B (3G)
 Alice F (4C)
 Thomas S-J (4C)
 Eva S (5C)
 Niamh S (6B)

for achieving their
 Bronze Merit Badges

Dates for your diary...

- 5th February** Year 5 Parents' Evening (Hall) 5.30pm - 8.30pm
7th February Year 2 Great Fire of London Day
9th February Year 4 Assembly - Parents welcome to join us for coffee in the Gallery afterwards
 Year 6 Parents to lunch
 Year 3 trip to Colchester Castle

12th - 16th February - Half Term Holiday

(14/15th February - Yrs. 1 - 6 Forest School Holiday Club)

- 19th February** eSafety Workshop for Parents 7.00pm - 9pm in the Hall and optional film night for Years 1 - 6
23rd February Year 3 Assembly
 Grammar Workshop for Parents - 2.45pm - 3.45pm
26th February Year 4 Parents' Evening 5.30 - 8.30pm in the Hall
27th February Year 6 RE Trip to Colchester
 Reception - Year 2 Parents' INSPIRE Maths Workshop
 2.00 - 3.30pm in the Hall
1st March World Book Day
2nd March Reception Explorers Morning
 Year 1 Assembly
3rd March ISA National Cross Country, Princethorpe College, Rugby

SUMMER TERM 2018 HIGHLIGHTS

- Friday 25th May** Sports Day
Thursday 28th June Speech Day & Whole School Production
Friday 29th June Second Performance & Summer Fete

Friday Running Club

Meeting arrangements:

Runners are to meet at the Sports Hall between 7.45 and 7.50am to register and are then taken to the Gallery before heading out.

Please do not take children directly to the Gallery first.

Thank you - Mr Clarke

House Points - Year to date

Nugent - 1390

Knight - 1454

Wentworth - 1550

Rolfe - 1436

Congratulations Wentworth!

Braintree Museum - Year 1



Year 1 had a fantastic time going back to the Victorian times today! We all arrived in wonderful Victorian dress and looked amazing. After a quick journey to Braintree District Museum we were 'treated' to an authentic style Victorian lesson, delivered by a very stern and strict Ma'am. Although it was quite scary, we

really enjoyed seeing how the children would have to behave and work in 1899! After doing some squeaky handwriting and arithmetic on the slates we got to handle some original Victorian artefacts, from hot water bottles to potato mashers!

We also got to explore the museum's gallery, where there was so much to see we ran out of time.

The children were beautifully behaved and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I don't think they wanted to return to 2018! Thank you very much to our parent helpers, Mrs Simpson and Ms Long, you were a huge help and both looked amazing!



Ms Salmon



U11 Football Squad at Stoke College for ISA Regional tournament
thanks to Mr Bell for the brilliant photo!

Reception Parents Lunch

Thank you to all the parents who found the time to come and have lunch with us today, and thank you for all the positive feedback we have received!

The children loved having you there.

We have put a few photographs onto

Facebook

New Year is a great time to make some new resolutions. Here are some ideas of online safety resolutions you could make as a family in 2018. - There is a lot more information in the Parents' Area of the website

Have an open and honest conversation

The easiest way to get involved with your children's online lives is through discussion. You might like to start by asking them about what they enjoy doing online, or take a look at our conversation starters to help you start a discussion. However you choose to do it, resolving to talk with your children regularly about their internet use is a fantastic way to help keep them safe online in 2018.

Create a family agreement

This is a great way to think about your internet use as a family and to help make sure that everybody understands the importance of staying safe and positive online. Take a look at our free family agreement template and guidance to come up with an agreement that works for you and your family.

Take a look at your accounts, whether gaming, social media or email

This is a really practical resolution that might help start a conversation with your children about their digital footprint. By taking a look at accounts, you can check your privacy and security settings and review what each member of your family has shared online in 2017 (or even further back!) and whether you're happy for it to stay there. You could also consider whether you're still using old accounts and think about deleting or deactivating any that you don't use anymore.

Play and use the internet together

The internet has lots of exciting things to see and do – why not resolve to spend some time as a family exploring the online world together? You could play some of your child's favourite games or research a topic you both find interesting. This is a great opportunity to make sure that everyone is aware of the safety features offered on different games or to talk about what information we can trust online.

Know how to report and block

There are lots of really useful tools online to help you deal with behaviour or content that is upsetting, and it is important that you as a parent know where to go to if your child needs help reporting or blocking online. For 2018 a good resolution might be to look at the different options for reporting and blocking available on the sites your family use and to make sure that everybody understands them and feels confident using them. More information about reporting can be found on our social media guide, these have guidance about a range of sites including Snapchat, Instagram and MovieStarPlanet.

From:

[https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/setting-online-safety-resolutions-your-family?](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/setting-online-safety-resolutions-your-family?utm_content=buffereec6c&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer)

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Parents' Association - Quiz Night

Tickets now available from the office (cash only please)

Look out for the **PA Post** - a new newsletter from the PA starting this week on the back page of the newsletter.



St. Margaret's
Preparatory School

Have you got the brain power? Prove it at our Quiz night!

7:30pm, Saturday 10 March 2018
St Margaret's Preparatory School Hall

- Teams of up to 8 brains
- Games, tombola, bar & prizes
- Family & Friends welcome, minimum age 16
- £10.00 per person, includes food and one drink
- All profits will go directly to projects to improve our children's experiences at school.

Don't miss out! Book your place before 9th February
Tickets available from the office.

11+ 2019 Entry

Registration for the 11+ exam will be from
5th June 2018 to 20th July 2018 inclusive.

CSSE schools will hold open days/
evenings during June/July 2018

Tests will take place on Saturday 22nd
September 2018

The Consortium of Selective Schools in
Essex members are:

King Edward VI Grammar School, Colchester County
High School for Girls, Colchester Royal Grammar
School, Southend High School for Girls, Southend
High School for Boys, Westcliff High School for Girls,
Westcliff High School for Boys, St. Bernard's High
School for Girls, St. Thomas More High School for
Boys, Shoeburyness High School

Details about 2019 entrance for **Chelmsford
County High School for Girls** will be available in
March. Please [click here](#) for their website

Next Week's Menu Choices

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Dish of the day Oriental Chicken Stir fry	Dish of the day Chilli con carne And Tortilla Chips	Dish of the day Pork Sausage Plait With gravy and Mash Potatoes	Dish of the day Beef Burger in a bun with Tomato Ketchup	Dish of the day Roast Lemon and Thyme Chicken, Yorkshire pudding and Gravy
Vegetarian Oriental Vegetables and Pak- choy Stir Fry	Vegetarian Option Chunky Vegetable Chilli	Vegetarian Option Sweet Potato, spinach and feta wrap	Vegetarian Vegi Sausage in a bun	Vegetarian Parsnip Carrot and pumpkin seed roast
Lightly Seasoned Pasta Creamy mushroom sauce	Jacket potato Cheese	Lightly Seasoned Pasta Red Pepper Pesto	Jacket potato Baked Beans	Sides Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Roast Potatoes
Sides Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Steamed Noodles	Sides Fresh Seasonal Vegetables Mexican Rice	Sides New Potatoes Fresh Seasonal Vegetables	Sides Sweet Corn Crispy Sweet Potato Wedges	
Freshly Prepared Salad Bar with Cold meat platters	Freshly Prepared Salad Bar with Cold meat platters	Freshly Prepared Salad Bar with Cold meat platters	Freshly Prepared Salad Bar with Cold meat platters	Freshly Prepared Salad Bar with Cold meat platters
Soup of the Day with Freshly Baked Bread ***	Soup of the Day with Freshly Baked Bread ***	Soup of the Day with Freshly Baked Bread ***	Soup of the Day with Freshly Baked Bread ***	Soup of the Day with Freshly Baked Bread ***
Fruit Sponge Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Lemon Shortbread Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Spanish Apple Cake & cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Mixed Fruit Trifle Fresh Fruit Yoghurt

The PA Post

Parents' Association Newsletter

Keep up to date with news and fundraising activities.

Our first event

Quiz Night Saturday 10th March

7:30pm in the School Hall

Tickets are selling fast for our first event. Thank you to everyone who has organised a team and bought their tickets already.

Tickets are available from the office until next Friday (9th February). They cost £10 each and include food and a drink. Maximum team size is 8 people. Cash only please!

There will be a bar, tombola, games and prizes on the night.

Prizes Prizes Prizes

We would welcome any donations of prizes for the Quiz night tombola - bottles, vouchers, unwanted gifts. Please give to a Committee Member or hand in to the Office.

We will also be holding an auction at the Summer Ball so if anyone has an amazing prize they can offer please let the Committee know.

Save the Date

Hollywood is coming to St Margaret's! Watch this space for news of the Hollywood themed Summer Ball - Saturday 23rd June 2018,

Your Committee Members

Beth Lowe (Year 4)
Muriel Lovering (Year 3 and Transition)
Alex Bishop (Years 5 and 3)
Caroline Chater (Years 5 and 3)
Corey and Suzie Harris (Reception)
Elaine Crisp (Year 3 and Reception)
Frederike Venables (Years 4 and 2)
Jo Hedley (Year 4)
Jo Loring (Year 3 and Reception)
Nicole Marrington (Years 3 and 1)
Rita Swann (Years 5 and 4)
Sarah Frost (Year 5)
Steph Harris (Years 4, 2 and Reception)