



October 17<sup>th</sup> 2016

Dear Parents

## **Local visits**

We occasionally take the children on local visits in the immediate vicinity to school to enhance their study of a particular topic, eg a walk to Simister village to look at different buildings, or a visit to Heaton Park to look at environmental aspects. Sometimes these visits are spontaneous and largely weather dependent so we would like your permission to go ahead with these visits. Risk assessments are always undertaken and adult/pupil ratio is never compromised. The safety of the children is paramount at all times. However, if you do not wish your child to take part in these visits, then please inform the school office in writing. When children are going on a school trip off site, where we need to use coach travel, you will receive an informative letter about the trip with a permission slip attached.

## **School Website**

We have recently re-designed our school website and hope that you will find it far more user friendly. There is lots of information on the website including important school policies and reports, latest news updates and information about the curriculum that your child will be studying. The school website address is **[www.st-margarets.bury.sch.uk](http://www.st-margarets.bury.sch.uk)**

## **Royal British Legion Poppies**

We have Royal British Legion Poppies for sale from the school office and we generally advise that a minimum donation of 50p is appropriate for a poppy. In addition, we also have an exciting range of extra items including wristbands, friendship bracelets, slap rulers and reflectors which vary in price up to £1.

## **Smarties Fees/Dinner Money**

We have an enormous amount of outstanding arrears for both Smarties fees and dinner money. Both Smarties fees and dinner money should be paid at the beginning of each week and should not, therefore, be in arrears. Please ensure that all arrears have been settled by the end of this week.

## **End of Term**

School closes for half term this Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 3.30pm. There will be a Smarties session as normal on this day. School re-opens on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

We hope you all have a lovely half term holiday.

Yours sincerely

K Perry  
Head Teacher