



Summer Term Newsletter No.4



We are extraordinarily proud of our Year 6 children who have tackled SATS week with determination and grit! They faced some very tricky questions in the five papers they sat but they kept going and really did their best. It was also great to see how supportive they were of each other over the week. SATS breakfast club was lovely as the children all came in and chatted to their friends whilst munching on a delicious breakfast of cereal, fruit, yogurt, bacon sandwiches, sausage sandwiches, toast and fruit juices! Thank you to the kitchen staff for coming in early to prepare this hearty breakfast. Thank you also to the PTA for providing the children with some snacks for their post-SATS film afternoon. They now face a few weeks of focused writing as this is not assessed through a test but is assessed on all their work in school!

Year 2 also will be taking tests throughout May—these can be staggered over a longer period to avoid them being too stressful for the children. If you know your Y2 child will be absent for any period of May please let their class teacher know as it is important that they still take these tests.

On Thursday we will be taking part in Outdoor Learning Day so the children will be spending as much time as possible outdoors. The weather forecast isn't great so please make sure you send them in with raincoats. There are lots of activities planned by the teachers so it would be a shame to miss out. Please also remember to apply sun cream before school each day as the UV index is high at this time of year. You can always send a named bottle of suncream in for your child to reapply later in the day.

We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils:



Ash — Tyler is an enthusiastic learner and applies his maths learning independently.

- Charlie was very imaginative in his writing this week and practised his next steps.

Elm — Archie E has tried really hard to take turns when talking this week.

- William had a go at independent writing and created a label for his model!

Beech — Elsie has taken responsibility for moving her learning on in writing and maths lessons.

Pine — Darcey has recently joined our school and has embraced all our school values!

Apple — Vinnie has had a happy, helpful and smiley attitude all week!

Oak — Jonathan always perseveres to pull himself out of "the pit" when he faces a challenge.

Birch — William always embraces new challenges in every lesson—outstanding effort!

Rowan — Max shows great kindness to other class members and is a great role model to all.

Cherry — Hannah P is always aspirational in her learning, particularly with her maths this week.

Maple — Zachary has been sharing all of his knowledge about the Romans with us every day!

Holly — Leon H has shown a great change in attitude and effort in both Maths and English.

Willow — Emily P puts in fantastic all round effort in her learning.

Year 6—The whole year group deserve recognition for embodying our school values and approaching SATS week with an exemplary attitude. Well done, everyone!

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 15th May—Rowan Class swimming
Thursday 18th May—Outdoor Learning Day, Y1 trip, PTA film
Night (3:05- 5:00pm)

Don't forget you can check school events on our website
calendar

[http://www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk/website/
calendar/245722](http://www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk/website/calendar/245722) and see weekly events on the home page
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Attendance Award

Congratulations to Birch
Class for winning the
School Attendance Award
with 98.7% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95.5%
attendance overall which is just
below our target.

The Bewley Cup

On Thursday our Boys Football team had the amazing opportunity to play in Finals Night at the grounds of Torquay United Football Club in Plainmoor. They were playing Curledge Street and their attitude was fantastic— they played brilliantly as a team. They didn't let up at all even when they conceded goals. The 2-0 win to Curledge Street didn't really reflect the dynamics of the game as we had been so strong throughout. The boys should be proud of all they achieved! We are proud of them!



The pre-match warm up!

Thank you to all the parents and staff who came along to give the boys their support!

Fidget Toys

You are probably aware of the latest craze! We do not allow toys to come into school as they can get lost or broken so please make sure your child is not bringing any toys into school, including fidget toys. There are some children who will have a medical diagnosis outlining attention or concentration difficulties and we are happy to supply fidget toys, sensory toys etc. for these children. They are only needed during lesson time when children are required to concentrate for lengthy periods of time and their families are aware that we have provided this equipment to the children.

Uniform

Whilst most of our children are very smart and follow our uniform policy we have noticed more children arriving at school in colourful trainers, wearing jewellery or with varnished nails. If you could please ensure your child is wearing the correct shoes and uniform each morning it saves them the embarrassment of being asked to remove unsuitable footwear, etc. Our uniform expectations can be found on our website
<http://www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk/website/uniform/248636>

PTA Film Night

The next film is 'Sing' and will be after school on Thursday 18th May. The film will finish at 5pm and all children attending the film will need collecting promptly please. Your permission slips need to be returned by Tuesday to allow the PTA time to purchase the food and organise the event.

Running Club for Adults

Mr Mayling will be available on the school grounds each morning next week so you can ask him more about the club. We have already had some interest in the club so please do come along and speak to him to find out if it sounds like something you would like to get involved in. The club will be starting after the half term so you have plenty of time to encourage your friends to join you! We will email out more information soon.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.