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## Summer Term Newsletter No.14

So, that is the end of another fabulous school year! It is always incredible how much is achieved in a year by each individual and by the school as a whole. We have much to be proud of and appreciate all the support that you give us to make the school such a successful community. Last week's Family Fun Afternoon was a great example of this with many parents rallying around last minute with the end result being a wonderful, relaxed event with a super atmosphere! This was a lovely way to end the school year and raised around £500 profit for the PTA. We are very grateful to everyone for supporting this event and hope it is the first of many for our newly formed PTA.

This week was as action packed as ever! There have been Year Group assemblies and presentations; our Y6 play 'Shakespeare Rocks' which was absolutely brilliant; parties and discos.... we hope the children have had a memorable last week in school!

All the staff at St. Margaret's wish you a fun filled holiday and hope you have a relaxing time with your families and friends over the summer!

### **Diary Date Reminders:**

Non Pupil Days—1st and 2nd September

First Day Back for children—Monday 5th September (Correction from last week's newsletter)

Tuesday 13th September—Roald Dahl Day (Come dressed as a character from one of his books)

### Attendance Award

Congratulations to Holly Class for winning the School Attendance Award for the Year with 97.01 % attendance! Ash, Apple, Oak and Hazel also beat our target of 96% so well done to them, too!



We have to say a HUGE well done to the following children for 100% attendance this year:

Reception Class—Iasbelle Bennett, Jameson Stibbs

Y1—Curtis Cox, Codey-Jay Hawkins, Logan Woolcott-Sharp

Y2—Austen Bradshaw, William Godfrey, Amara Phillips,

Y3—Fearne Harby, Charlotte Meekings, Mollie-Rose Stanion, Catherine Thomas

Y4—Ashliee Darke, Bethany Gouldthorpe, Fraser Heavisides, Mia Nicholson, Max Peplow, Harrison Spurle,

Y5—Taylor Elsley-Rowland, Caitlin Foote, Daisy Thorpe

Y6—Alex Aiton, Regan Heavisides, Anika Hossain, Tyler Maidlow, Callum Stibbs,

This is a fantastic achievement!



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see photographs and updates about school life.

<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>



We are delighted to have had our commitment to encouraging and involving children in school sport and competition recognised through this award scheme. Throughout the year we have showcased and shared the impact online through blogs on the School Games website <https://www.yourschoolgames.com/your-school/profile/slug/st-margarets-academy>

We have been awarded the highest level (Gold Level) for all our sporting achievements this year and are proud of our children for getting so involved in the many different opportunities they have been offered this year.

### **Torquay Schools Cricket Final**

The last game of the cricket season was against Babbacombe in the Torquay Schools Cricket Final. We were playing for 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> place in the league. Jack bowled well and Peter and Jack got a wicket each by catching their players out. It was a very close game but we won on the last over of the game; we needed 15 points to draw and 16 points to win. It was a very exciting game and we managed to get a massive 19 points; that was a very big achievement for St Margaret's. We had won! Everyone went crazy after winning our last game of the season and to come third in the league.

Mr Mayling said: *"It is the first time St Margaret's have entered a team in the league and we did very well. All the players improved so much and it was nice to finish on a high; winning two games in a row and coming 3<sup>rd</sup>. Well done team!"*

We were so proud of ourselves and we are aiming to win the cricket title from Sherwell Valley next season. We will miss the year 6 players encouraging us.

By Charlie Tout and Lewis Vinson Y5



### **Luscombe Cup - Girls Football**

The Luscombe Cup was very exciting at first. It was the first time any of us had competed against other schools. All the other schools were more experienced and had already competed in a football league so we thought that they would win by far.

The first team we played against were very competitive and we were a bit shocked how physical it was. They beat us 1-0. Including that game, in all our six games, we did not score 1 goal but we didn't let many in either. We drew two and lost four games scoring two points. We didn't progress to the final stage but we came 5<sup>th</sup> and of 6 teams in our group. Not too bad for our first time.

We are really proud of ourselves and especially Jade our goalkeeper, because she saved this amazing shot. It winded her but she kept on playing. We really enjoyed having Jade as our goalkeeper because she was very supportive. Laila Browne was our captain and Amy, Scarlett, Cindy and Jess were also very helpful. But in the end we want to thank Sav (our coach) and Mr Mayling who supported and instructed us on the day and throughout our coaching. We are looking forward to playing some more football in September and entering the girls' football league for the first time. Wish us luck!

By Jess and Cindy

### **Luscombe Cup Boys**

The Luscombe Cup was very fun and we did very well starting off with a 0-0 draw against Oldway. Next we had Queensway B who were skilful but we managed to grab a 4-0 win against them; Regan scoring a hatrick and Charlie scoring an amazing penalty.

With 2 last games remaining we had to play Kings Ash and Tower House. We beat Kings Ash by 5 goals and beat Tower House 3-0 which helped us go through to the quarter-finals against St Marychurch. Regan scored the opener from a lovely ball in by Charlie. That win got us into the semi-final against Shipway. We had played some creative and very skilful football and up to that point we had never been defeated on astro. Unfortunately, after a disallowed goal for us, Shipway went on to win 1-0. We were very upset but it was still a great achievement to reach the semi-finals in a Torbay wide tournament.

By Jack Howlett

### Year One Trip to Bygones.

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July the Year One children went to Bygones! We had a fantastic time and we listened to our guides very carefully! We really enjoyed getting dressed up! This is what we learned about toys:

"I learned about the trains and it was big and green and I learned about the people with silver tablets and white tablets and they can be poisonous or not poisonous. I learned when he had a chicken and the chicken laid an egg and he was making food and he put food in the fire and then cooked it and then he ate it." *Jonathon Hogarth*

"We learned about all of the toys and trains. The toys were from the olden days. They are made out of different wood, china and metal because plastic wasn't made. We learned about the clothes that they wore in the olden days. Some people had no money in the olden days but some people did. When it was the olden days they didn't wear what we wore." *Eleanor Lane*



## LEAVERS' NEWS

We say "farewell" to many people today! We want to thank the following staff for their commitment to the school over the years and for making the school such an unique and caring place to work and learn.



Mr Shelling has been teaching here for 21 years and will be much missed by all as his sense of humour has kept children and staff amused over the years! We wish him well in this next and exciting phase of his life as he marries and moves on in his career.

Miss Rourke has taught here for six years and had led the Foundation Stage for the last two. She too has made an impact on many children in this time and we know she will continue to do so in her career. We wish her luck in all she does in the future!



Miss Fielden has a busy time ahead as she finishes school on Friday and moves to the Midlands on Saturday! We are sure she will love the new challenges and wish her and her young son the very best in their new life.

Miss Hollingsworth has been a teaching assistant at the school for two years and is starting her training to be a teacher in September. We are sure she will love it and wish her luck.



Mr Gilbert has been covering Mrs Apps' maternity leave and is off to seek permanent work—we know the children will miss his stories and guitar playing and thank him for fitting in to our school so well over the last few months.

..... And there are a few more people leaving, too....

.... our incredible Y6 children and their families! It has been a pleasure to get to know everyone and to follow the children's progress over time. Each one is individual in talents and attributes and we have loved seeing these flourish. They have been the first year group to sit the new SATs based on the new curriculum and whilst schools up and down the country are reflecting on the outcomes we know our children could not have worked any harder than they did. They have shown resilience and determination to do their best and we know they leave us as confident young people, ready to move on to the next stage of their education. This last week has been an emotional roller coaster with laughter and tears all the way! We wish them all the very best in their futures—we know they will shine and sparkle wherever their journey takes them!



**Have a wonderful life!**