



Summer Term Newsletter No.8



It's Healthy Eating Week! Our Health Champions began the week with an Assembly about making healthy snack choices and how to swap some sugary snacks for healthier options. In the news this week we learned that the average British child consumes 3 stones of sugar in a year which is well over the recommended amount. The children have had five challenges over the week to encourage them to be more active, eat more fruit and veg, drink plenty of water and try something new. Y1 had fun learning how to make a new breakfast— Overnight Oats!

Year 2 have had a busy week this week. On Tuesday they went on a trip to Paignton zoo, met the zoo keepers and learned lots about the animals and their habitats. On Wednesday, some of the Y2 children went down to St Cuthbert Mayne to take part in a multisports event against other local primary schools. Our two teams came second and third out of twelve teams and were very motivated, showing good sporting skills.

Y5 went for an activities day at Torquay Academy on Wednesday and the staff at the Secondary School were very complimentary about how well the children conducted themselves throughout the day. The schools offer these 'taster' days to reassure the children about choosing their next school which their family has to apply for by 31st October 2018. The children will be visiting two other local Secondary Schools over the next fortnight.

IMPORTANT—The school photographer is in on Monday and Tuesday to take class photographs. If you do not want your child to be in these photographs please call the office and let them know.

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



Ash— Noah showed great listening and learning when making bug homes. He remembered super words!
Sophia W is always willing to have a go at writing and worked well with a friend to make a book.

Elm— Mabel shows wonderful confidence and creativity. She composed her own song and sang it to the class.
Precious is a delight to have in our class. She shows kindness to all her friends. What a star!

Beech — James has shown fantastic improvement in his listening and is trying really hard with everything.

Pine — Chloe has been determined to succeed when learning to tell the time this week. Well done!

Apple — Ruby is always kind and caring and put lots of thought in to her writing about her zoo trip this week.

Oak — Lacey R wrote a fantastic recount about the trip to Paignton zoo, showing great effort and enthusiasm.

Birch — Daniel has had a brilliant first week in Birch Class and we are so happy to have him at our school.

Rowan — Logan works well independently and interdependently resulting in good progress in all subjects!

Cherry — Jude always shows enthusiasm for his learning and tried particularly hard in his maths test this week.

Maple — Kayden is a great role model and consistently demonstrates our school values in all he does.

Holly — Jessica is an all round fantastic pupil. Great attitude, fantastic work. Star pupil!

Willow — Zoe has a new found confident approach to maths and has shown great calculation skills.

Hawthorn — Brooke has impressed us with her writing and her beautiful artwork.

Hazel — Sonny is our star this week for outstanding effort, progress and achievement in writing.

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th June —School Photographer in.
Wednesday 20th June—Meeting for parents of Reception children September 2018 intake in school hall 2:00pm
Thursday 28th June – KS1 sports afternoon 1:15pm
Friday 29th June – KS2 sports day 9:15am and 1:15 pm
Monday 2nd July - Reception Sports afternoon 1:30pm
Friday 6th July—PTA summer fair from 3:05pm
Monday 23rd July- Y6 Leavers’ Disco from 6:30pm to 8:00pm
Thursday 19th—Y6 Leavers’ Play for Parents (Afternoon performance 1:30pm and evening performance 6:00pm)
Tuesday 24th July – Leavers Assembly 9:15am for Parents (BBQ for children to follow)



Attendance Award
Congratulations to
Pine Class
for winning the School
Attendance Award with
98% attendance.

Pine Class have won a Non-Uniform day on Monday for having the highest class attendance three times.

The whole school achieved 95.1% attendance which is below our target of 96%.

Mr Lock

We heard sad news recently that Mr Lock passed away last week. He was the Headteacher at St. Margaret's for 22 years and left in 2004 to enjoy retirement in Portsmouth with his family. Many of our staff worked with Mr Lock and remember him very fondly as he was such a gentle man and his love of the school was evident to all. Some of our current parents were pupils in the school when Mr Lock was Headteacher and we are sure you will share our sadness at hearing this news.

Phonic Screening. Well-done to all our children who took part in the phonic check this week. They showed excellent reading skills using great strategies when sounding out and blending.

PTA - Thank you for donating the cakes for the sale yesterday—around £70 was raised (exact amount to be announced). Tonight is another “Ice Cream Friday” so watch out for PTA members selling ice creams at the school gates. They are hoping more parents will volunteer some time to help out with the fair on July 6th so perhaps you could let them know after school today if you are able to help at all.

Children's Behaviour

In school we have a positive approach to managing behaviour as children need to learn to behave in appropriate ways to different situations in the same way they need to learn to read and write. This does not mean there are no sanctions for children when they have deliberately done something to upset or hurt another child with their words or actions. We use a hierarchy of sanctions ('Time Apart' to reflect on their behaviour choice before talking it through with an adult; loss of playtimes; lunchtime detentions; exclusions from the school) and each incident is dealt with accordingly, being mindful of the age of the child, etc. Most children follow school rules well but occasionally children misbehave for a variety of reasons. Occasionally you tell us that your child has said they did not tell an adult in school as 'nothing gets done about it' - we wish to reassure you that we always deal with poor behaviour though your child may not be aware of how we have dealt with another child. We always encourage children to tell an adult in school if they are uncomfortable with anything another child has said or done. Our Managing Behaviour Policy is published on our website and this will give you further details of the hierarchy of sanctions.

School Uniform

Please support the school by ensuring that your child is wearing the correct uniform.

- Some of the older girls are coming to school in tight, short, lycra style skorts—these are not part of our school uniform or our PE uniform.
- Children should be wearing school shoes or sandals rather than large colourful trainers.
- All shoulder length hair should be tied back but please remember this should be some small, discreet headband or bow rather than a large bow, cat ear headbands or flowery bands.

Thank you.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.