



Summer Term Newsletter No.8

It has been another fun week in school with the children getting involved in the challenges that are set through Healthy Eating Week. They have definitely been active with their sponsored Golden Mile on Monday and they have been trying lots of new foods—some classes have joined in with a cook-a-long to make canapes or gratin and today's tasting table was a hit with children tasting all sorts of different fish.



On Wednesday Y3 and Y4 were lucky enough to have some hands on experience in a Roman Day. The Seaton Down Hoard was discussed and they found out about how the Romans pressed their coins and how the hoard was discovered. It was great to work alongside some real history enthusiasts and the children loved it!



Our work with Dartington Hall trust in Autumn was funded through the Heritage Lottery Fund and resulted in our fabulous cob oven. There is a free family day at Dartington in the summer holiday to celebrate the work and show the restoration of the Deer Park. It would be lovely for the Y3 children to go along and see the estate again and tell you what they learned. (Thursday 27th July from 11am to 4pm) Details to follow.

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



Ash — Dylan has been very independent with his writing and made good behaviour choices.

Elm — Jaya has tried hard to put her hand up and take turns to talk. She is a motivated learner.

- Ruby-Lee shows real kindness to others and always brings her happy smile to school!

Beech — Milly has made a fabulous improvement with her writing recently. Well-done.

Pine — Amelia has a positive attitude to everything she tries. She's very aspirational!

Apple — Joseph has a fabulous, positive attitude to learning!

Oak — Orah really thinks about the reader when writing and writes to entertain!

Birch — Athena is a star for her effort and participation in maths!

Rowan — Finley has tried hard to improve his writing. Brilliant effort!

Cherry — Layton has made tremendous progress and makes an excellent effort in everything.

Maple — McKenzie shows great emotional resilience, perseverance and positive learning attitude.

Holly — Oliver showed a mature and sensible attitude in science and music at Torquay Academy.

Willow — Mia is polite and friendly and sets a good example to others.

Hawthorn — Charlie is incredibly positive and tries his hardest with learning and behaviour.

Hazel — Chloe has joined in with some excellent discussions and been good company.

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th—School photographer in to take class photos.

Thursday 22nd June—PTA Film Night (5pm finish)

Monday 26th June - Foundation Sports 1.45pm

Thursday 29th June—KS1 Sports 1.15pm

Friday 30th June—KS2 Sports

9.15am - Y3/4 Track events

10.30am - Y5/6 Track events

1.15pm - KS2 Carousel of activities



Attendance Award

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

The whole school achieved 96.1% attendance overall which is just above our target. Well done!

September Staffing

We have lots of staffing changes for September 2017 and will be saying 'farewell' to some teachers and 'welcome' to others.

Mrs Harrison has chosen to spend more time with her gorgeous daughter who was born last October; Mrs Stamp-Vincent is returning to Canada with her family; Miss Worthington has been successful in gaining a promotion and is moving to Oldway School. We will miss them and thank them for all they have brought to St. Margaret's over the last few years—and we wish them all well in their new adventures.

Mr Tullier was covering a maternity leave and we are delighted he has accepted a permanent teaching position in our school.

We have also appointed to new teachers Miss Palfrey and Mrs Tandy who we join our team in September. They will both come in and meet the children in July to help with transition. We look forward to getting to know our new members of staff!

Mrs Essam begins her maternity leave in September and we will look forward to hearing her baby news in the new school year. Mrs Essam's class will be covered by Miss Pritchard until she returns. Miss Pritchard will come in, in July, to meet the children who will be in her class.

Mrs Chivers will be releasing each Assistant Headteacher one day a week, to allow them time to focus on their leadership responsibilities.

Our staffing structure looks like this:

Reception — Miss Berry and Miss Watkinson

Y1—Mrs Morgan/Mrs Posey and Mrs Tandy

Y2—Mrs Turner/Mrs Chivers and Miss Henley

Y3—Mr Tullier and Miss Pritchard (Mrs Essam)

Y4—Mrs Wall/Mrs Bindon and Miss Palfrey

Y5—Mr Robinson and Mr Rogers

Y6—Miss Wooldridge/Mrs Chivers and Mr Marchant/Mrs Chivers

Miss Leworthy will also begin her maternity leave in the summer holidays—she will be much missed in the Foundation Stage Block and in our Breakfast Club but we look forward to meeting her baby in the new term.

We are finalising which class and teacher/s the children will be going to and will let you know soon. Thank you to the parents who submitted additional information for our consideration. Please remember that the decision to mix classes is done with much thought and we ask you to respect any decisions we have made.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.