



Summer Term Newsletter No. 4

Y6 SATS

Our children have worked incredibly hard (and so have the staff) to make sure they are as prepared for these tests as they possibly can be. We will try and keep the week as stress free so please help by making sure the children are in school in good time if they are not attending our SATs' week breakfast club. Please make sure they have a good night's sleep and come to school feeling refreshed and ready for the day.

There are tests every morning except Friday and it is important that the children attend school every day next week as failure to take a test results in a 'nil' pass and they will have to resit the tests in the Autumn term of Y7 in their new secondary school.

We are confident that they will do their best and feel proud about all they have achieved.

Football—the Bewley Cup Final

Wednesday's final was certainly an emotional game for all the families and staff watching as well as for the nine boys in the team. They played their socks off against Sherwell Valley and the 2-0 score to Sherwell Valley did not reflect how close the game was. There was some brilliant football played by our boys and having the opportunity to play in Torquay United's ground will be a great memory for them all.



This Week's Star Pupils:



Ash— Vaughn Heavens
Elm—Avalon Gill
Beech — Finley Cull
Pine — Donney Connors
Apple— Max Gibson
Oak— Alfie Collings
Cherry— Bethany Rogers
Holly — Brooke McKenna
Willow— Ethem Haywood-Davis
Maple — Mackenzie Smith
Birch — Jessica Hancox
Rowan — Lewis Vinson
Hawthorn — Fletcher Darke
Hazel — Sam Jones

Diary Date Reminders:

Wednesday 11th May at 3:05pm—Y2 Parents Maths Workshop
Friday 13th May—UNICEF Day for Change
Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th—Class photo days
Monday 16th May—Walk to School Week

Attendance Award



Congratulations to Hazel Class for winning the School Attendance Award with **100%** attendance.

The whole school achieved 96.5% attendance over-all which is better than our target. Well done!



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

<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>

Maths Challenge

Ralph wants to put his favourite five sweets in a line.



He puts the green sweet next to the red sweet but not beside the orange sweet.



He puts the blue sweet second.



The red sweet is between the purple sweet and the orange sweet.



The blue sweet is next to the purple sweet.

Which sweet is in the middle?



Family ponder.....

Do you like the rain?



Oak Class are on "Chicken Duty" next week! Please remember to send your child in with a coat and if they have wellies that could stay in school for the week that would be great—it avoids muddy shoes and trousers (and carpet through the school!)



On Friday 13th May we will be having a 'Day for Change' to support the charity UNICEF. Day for Change is Unicef UK's annual fundraising campaign to keep children safe around the world. On this day we hope that you can help to support this charity by making a small donation of loose change. All the change we collect will go directly to the Children's Emergency Fund to save and protect children caught up in emergencies around the world.

Our children have chosen to have a day "Learning Through Play" on Friday 13th to reinforce the message that every child has a right to play wherever they are in the world. They will be involved in lots of different activities and their class teacher will inform you if they need a change of clothes, etc.

THRIVE Bus



Last week we took delivery of a large purple bus! It is in need of a makeover but we have some very talented staff who will make an amazing space for the children. THRIVE is a specialist provision to support children with personal, social and emotional well-being. This is based on the latest research in brain and child development which has shown that an interruption to, or lack of experience in, early emotional development is often expressed by children as challenging or unhealthy behaviour, which can have a negative impact on their ability to learn and thrive. Fortunately, research shows that it is nearly always possible to do reparative work. The key to success is in the relationship between adults and children.

As our school numbers have grown we find ourselves squeezed for space for a dedicated "THRIVE" room so we plan to convert the bus into a special place for 'thrive' children. It will have several functions: regular or occasional 1:1 work; a place of refuge when children are very upset by circumstances beyond their control, such as a bereavement in the family; a playroom for named children at unstructured times, etc.

We will be making calming and comforting areas within the bus so if you have any Christmas lights you no longer need or fabrics, voiles or cushions that you could donate we would be very appreciative. The bus will also have areas for art and craft activities and messy play. If anyone has spare sleepers they would like to donate we would be very grateful as we will have to prop the bus up on these as we are not planning on driving it anywhere in the near future!

And finally a little pleas from the Breakfast Club. If you can bring the correct money (but not lots of small change!) it helps speed up the signing in process in the morning. You can always pay for more than one day at a time if you wish. Thank you.