



Summer Term Newsletter No.12

This has been an exciting week for the children as they have been to meet their new teachers and teaching assistants. Every classroom had a lovely buzz of excitement! There will be further opportunities for them to meet them over the next couple of weeks so that everyone feels confident about September. We also had all the new Reception children and their parents in to school and our Y6 children went off to their Secondary Schools. The end of term is looming ever closer!

Thank you to all the families who came in to help tidy up our school grounds on Tuesday—the orchard is looking so much better and all the greenhouse plants are now outside, thriving in the vegetable beds. Can we please ask that you don't allow your children to wander in to the orchard before or after school though as we sometimes find the chicken coop door left open!

Our Family Learning has come to an end and we are very proud of the parents who have completed the "Keeping Up with the Children" course with South Devon College. The Family Learning courses are a great way to learn how to support your child and to meet other parents so if you know someone who has a child joining our Reception Classes in September please let them know we run these courses on Friday mornings.



This Week's Star Pupils:



Ash— Grace Pearson
Elm—Teddy Watson
Beech — Grace McCarthy
Pine — Tjay Brooks
Apple— Finley Billing
Oak— Ryan Hughes
Cherry— McKenzie White
Holly — George Brooks
Willow— Jebediah Whatley
Maple — Daniella Avis
Birch — Chloe Daniel
Rowan — Frankie Stick
Hawthorn — Billy Meyer
Hazel — Leo Fox-Grimley

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 11th July—Non Uniform Day (Bring a bottle)
Friday 15th July— Family Fun Afternoon—bring in cakes if you can please.

Tuesday 12th July—3:15pm. Meet the Y1 teachers

Last day of school Thursday 21st July



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Holly and Rowan Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 98.7% attendance.

The whole school achieved 93.9% attendance overall which is well below our target unfortunately.



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

<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>

Maths Challenge

3. Olympic Rings Top and Bottom 1



Rearrange the numbers in the rings so that the total of the top three rings is the same as the total of the bottom two.

Family ponder - Why should we say sorry for something if we didn't know we did it?
(Joseph, Beech Class)

FAMILY FUN AFTERNOON—FRIDAY 15TH JULY 3:05PM TO 4:30PM

Our PTA are holding a family fun afternoon next Friday to celebrate the end of another successful year in school. We would love you to join us on the field after school for some fun! We have a bouncy castle, ice cream, BBQ, candy floss, face painting, fun stalls... and more!

If you are able to help setting up a stall or tidying away at the end we would all appreciate your help. Perhaps you could work on one of the games or stalls for a short while?

You can help in other ways too:

On Monday 11th July we are holding a non uniform day with a difference. If your child would like to come to school in their everyday clothes please send them in with a bottle for the tombola stall instead of the usual £1 donation. This could be a bottle of something to drink, or bubblebath, etc.



On Friday 15th could you send in some cakes for our cake sale? We would love home-made or shop bought cakes. Cakes are always popular so please help us make this a success.



Let's hope the sun shines and we can all enjoy some time together!

Sports News

Torbay Half Marathon Schools Challenge 2016

It was at Paignton Green on Sunday 26th June. Pupils from St Margaret's took part in the Torbay Half Marathon Schools Challenge – to run the last mile with the Torbay Holiday Helpers Network (THHN). It was good to help raise money for the THHN charity. Over the summer term we have been taking part in a running club with Miss Fielden and Mr Mayling and have been running a mile a week – equalling the half marathon runners. We did the first 12 miles at school each week and did the 13th mile at Paignton Green. There were about 8 schools there and over 700 children taking part. We were all really proud of ourselves and at the end we got medals – they were amazing!

By Natasha Y5



Bikeability - Level 2

Pupils from Y5 and Y6 have been awarded the nationally recognised and certificated qualification - Bikeability Level 2. This was an eight hour course spread over four days and was quite intensive. Level 2 taught the children to cycle planned routes on minor roads offering real cycling experience.

It involved four comprehensive sessions, where National Standards Instructors taught the children bike handling skills and developed their confidence which will help to get them prepared for riding their bikes on today's roads.

"I enjoyed Bikeability because it was a step in the right direction for me as I had a new bike that I wasn't confident on. Bikeability has made me so much more confident and we got to take the time to go through things we weren't sure on. We also got to ride on the road and my instructor was called Phil. I had the joy of being called 'one of the best'. My time on the course was so fun. I also achieved a certificate and a badge. Thanks Bikeability!"

Isabella Kay Y5

"I enjoyed Bikeability because we got a chance to ride on the road safely and take time out of the classroom to have some fun but learn new things too. We learnt how to ride safely by a nice instructor."

Sam Foley Y5



Cricket

St Margaret's Academy V Barton

On Thursday 9th June the St Margaret's cricket team went to Torquay Academy to play against Barton for a league match. St Margaret's had automatically won as Barton was missing a player, but we still wanted to prove that we could still beat them. During the course of the match, Barton had chosen to field first, as you could have a target to beat. Throughout the game our team had improved in many aspects of cricket, since our fielding had become tighter, the batting was straight and the bowling had become more accurate. Natasha Y5 and Charlie Y5 both had good games. Natasha got two wickets and Charlie bowled a maiden over (rare in school cricket). In the end everyone played well as a team, while encouraging our teammates, with the positive atmosphere St Margaret's scored a total of 322 runs! Which is a definite improvement and Barton scored 259! Well done St Margaret's!

Written by: Cindy Cheng Y6

Y4 Cricket Competition

On Thursday 9th June Y4 were in a cricket competition at St Cuthbert Mayne. We were organised into an A team and B team. After getting ourselves ready we walked down to St Cuthbert. The A team started their first game; we had to hit a ball through cones to score points. We scored 150 points! In another game we had to collect balls quickly and put them in a hoop after the other team hit the balls into the spaces. After we had finished all the games we were excited to hear the results. They announced that St Margaret's A team won with a massive 719 points and everyone cheered. Courtney got a special mention for her focus and concentration and Callum for helping his team mates and looking out for others. Everyone worked hard and had lots of fun. We were proud to go back to school with our medals and trophy.

By Chloe, Noah and Fraser Y4



Last call for Sainsbury's vouchers! Please send them in on Monday! We always get lots of sports and play equipment with them!

