



## Summer Term Newsletter No.11

There is never a dull week in our school! It's full on learning and fun from the moment the school gates open! Monday and Tuesday saw the return of Joe and the Fun Kitchen and children from Y1—Y5 made a fruity, chickpea curry. As they learn the skills of slicing, grating and chopping, Joe entertains them with fun food facts and fills their heads with information about nutrition and healthy eating. Everyone loves these sessions!



Unfortunately rain stopped our KS1 track events on Thursday morning. We will not be rescheduling these races as we don't want to keep inconveniencing parents by cancelling at the last minute as we appreciate how difficult this is for employers and it means parents are using up their own holiday time only to find sports day is cancelled again. Fortunately the children all participated in the Olympic Ceremony and the carousel of field sports last week so they have good memories of the Olympic Sports year.

KS2 were luckier as the field had dried up so they were able to complete their track events, although time ran out and we had to have the Y3,Y4 and Y5 tug of war pulls til another day. The final points will be added up and the winning continent announced in assembly on Monday. Thank you for supporting the children during these sporting events.



### **This Week's Star Pupils:**



Ash— Thomas Cox  
Elm—Cherry Connors  
Beech — Eleanor Lane  
Pine — Ethan Bakalarz  
Apple— Jayden Huthings  
Oak— Lois Broom  
Cherry— Summer Hapgood  
Holly — Hannah Batt  
Willow— Bethany Gouldthorpe  
Maple — Alfie Straw  
Birch — Leah Farmer  
Rowan — Caitlin Foote  
Hawthorn — Natalie Carpenter  
Hazel — Sonny Harby

### **Diary Date Reminders:**

Y6 Play—Tuesday 19th July 1:30pm and 6:30pm

Y6 Disco—Wednesday 20th July 6:30—8:00pm

Y6 Leavers' Assembly for parents - Thursday 21st July 9:30am

Last day of school Thursday 21st July



Y6 are on chicken duty this week

### Attendance Award



Congratulations to Holly Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99% attendance.

The whole school achieved 93.6% attendance overall which matches our target. Well done!



We have uploaded lots of photos this week of everything happening in school!

<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>

## Maths Challenge

### 2. Olympic Rings Total to an Even Number



Place the numbers from 2 – 10 on the lines so that every circle totals to an even number.



If you come to school via St Margaret's Close please be mindful of the residents and ensure that your children do not run around the close. The gates are opened just before 8:45am to allow you time to get the children into class for the register at 8:55am.



We are delighted to have been awarded the Happiness and Well-being Award in recognition of our ongoing work to support well-being in our school community. The award is a national award and we very excited to be able to say we are the first school in Torbay to achieve the award! The award focuses on 5 key areas of:

- Management of the school community's happiness and well-being
- School culture
- Happiness and well-being within the curriculum
- Care within the school community
- Active partnerships to promote happiness and well-being



Dr Annette Lyons visited the school to present our certificate and outdoor sign and was very impressed by our school, the grounds (especially our orchard!), how we promote health and well-being and most of all by our fantastic children who were very welcoming and obviously happy in their learning. Well done everyone!

### Junior BAKE OFF



"I decided to enter the Junior Bake Off competition which was on CBBC and to do that I had to fill out a 10 page long application form with pictures of my bakes. A few weeks later I got a phone call and someone wanted to interview me. He asked me questions like, "What's your favourite thing to bake?". The following day they left a voicemail which said they wanted me to go to Bristol and face some judges who would rate my bakes and film me on camera. In order to do that I practised my bakes every night for 2 weeks to make my creations perfect. I made chocolate orange brownies and pizza swirls. Sadly, about 6 weeks after, they called me and said I was not on the show. But they said I did really good to get so far out of 1000s of people." Callum Y6

(We are incredibly proud of Callum—what an experience and what talent!)

A little plea for help.....! Last year we won two awards as part of **Bay Blooms** and were named as the overall winners for 'Best Premises'. As a result of this, we are automatically entered into the competition this year!

We are hoping to tidy our planters and plant more seedlings/plugs so the orchard is tidy and ready for the Summer holidays. The children are very fortunate to be able to access the orchard regularly. Although we try hard to maintain the orchard, it's quite a task and we are hoping that with your help and support we will continue to develop this further.

During the afternoon of Tuesday 5th July the Y2 children will be tidying up in our orchard and the play areas around KS1 and their families have been invited to come in and help.

Looking around the school gardens it looks like we might need an army of volunteers so if you are able to come and help, even if your child is not in Y2 we would love to see you! We are hoping to do a variety of activities: planting seedlings/plugs, weeding our raised beds, cutting plants back and tidying the orchard in general, as well as, filling planters around school.



We look forward to seeing as many people as possible and hope the sun shines!

## September 2016

As the school year begins to draw to a close it is a time we begin to prepare the children for all the changes that will happen. Our Y6 children have mixed feelings with the excitement of moving on to a new school but also the reality dawning that they only have a matter of days left in this school. Most children can cope well with the transition to a new class but some require more support than other and the staff have already begun transition work with these children. The teachers also go and visit the younger children in their own classrooms so that the children have an opportunity to meet their new teacher in an environment they feel confident in. Next Thursday morning the whole school will move up to their new class to meet their new teacher and then again the following Tuesday afternoon.

There are changes to our staffing in September as some of our teachers are moving on. Mr Shelling is getting married in the summer holidays and relocating, so we wish him well in this new and exciting phase of his life. Miss Rourke is also leaving us as she has a very long daily commute, spending more than two hours travelling everyday so she is going to work closer to her home. Miss Fielden is also relocating to the Midlands with her young son so will no longer be working in our school. Mr Gilbert has been covering Mrs Apps' maternity leave but is seeking permanent work in another school. They will all be missed very much and we wish them all well in their new ventures—no doubt, we will mention them again and other staff leavers in a special end of term newsletter.

As Mrs Apps will still be on maternity leave her class will be covered by Mrs Stamp Vincent until her return.

With staff leaving it means that we have new staff joining us. Mr Marchant is joining us from Hayes Academy as an Assistant Headteacher and Mr Robinson is joining us from Shiphay Learning Academy. They are both experienced teachers who have much to offer our school. We look forward to welcoming them next Thursday as they come to meet the children in their class.

Miss Berry has been appointed Foundation Stage Leader and will take over from Miss Rourke in September—we are delighted that our Foundation Stage will continue to flourish and develop with someone so passionate about Early Years education.

Some of the classrooms will be changing too (we like to keep you on your toes!) as our Y5 children have spent the year squashed in some of our smaller classrooms so we are reorganising the rooms too!

The following is the staffing structure for September:

Foundation Stage	Miss Berry (Ash Class)	Miss Burke (Elm Class)
Y1	Miss Gilbert (Beech Class) (Mrs Essam to be! Another summer wedding!)	Mrs Stamp Vincent (Pine Class)
Y2	Mrs Turner (Apple Class)	Mrs Morgan/Mrs Posey (Oak Class)
Y3	Mr Rogers (Rowan Class)	Miss Worthington (Birch Class)
Y4	Mrs Harrison (Maple Class)	Mrs Wall/Mrs Bindon (Cherry Class)
Y5	Miss Henley (Holly Class)	Mr Robinson (Willow Class)
Y6	Miss Wooldridge and Mrs Chivers (Hazel Class)	Mr Marchant and Mrs Chivers (Hawthorn Class)

The children will know which class they are in and who their teacher will be next Thursday. There will be an opportunity for the parents of the Reception Children to meet the new teachers before the end of this term and an opportunity for all other parents to meet their child's new teacher at the start of the new term in September.

**Industrial action on Tuesday 5th July.** At the moment we will believe it will not be necessary to close any classrooms as a result of Industrial action. If there is any change to this we will notify you early on Monday 4th July so you can make alternative childcare arrangements.