



Summer Term Newsletter No.9

What a fabulous week of healthy activities. The children have had five challenges to complete over the week. The first one was "Have Breakfast" and it was surprising how many children said they had come to school without having a breakfast. The second challenge was "Have 5 a day" and there was a tasting table in the dinner hall to encourage children to try different fruits—passion fruit and melon were very popular! We taken part in Cook-a-longs, got involved in webinars, made smoothies and recipe books which have given to the Orchard Bistro. For the "Try something new" challenge Y6 tried playing Ultimate Frisbee and Y4 tried a selection of different foods. Reception children made fruit kebabs and invited their parents in for a "Get Active "hour which was really well attended. The children have loved the different challenges and we have been posting photographs on Twitter through the week.



Rights Respecting School

We are very pleased that our action plan has been approved and we have received a Recognition of Commitment Award. This is the first step on our journey to becoming a Rights Respecting School. The Article we are focusing on this term is Article 24. Our children are already very aware of the benefits of a healthy diet and fresh water and are lucky to have access to this, unlike so many children in the world.

Article 24

You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food to eat, a clean and safe environment and information to help you stay well.



This Week's Star Pupils:



- Ash— Lisa Bloomfield
- Elm— Saphia Hunt
- Beech — Lucy Lane
- Pine — Alissia McCleave
- Apple— Toby Morgan
- Oak— Matthew Wadling
- Cherry— Daniella Hunt
- Holly — Harry Hunt
- Willow— Jay Bloomfield
- Maple — Leon Pearson
- Birch — Lucy Tansley
- Rowan — Cindy Nguyen
- Hawthorn — Natalie Carpenter
- Hazel — Rhyanna Lewis

Diary Date Reminders:

Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th Olympic Sports days— PE kits to be worn to school both days please.
(Timings given lower in the newsletter)
Wednesday 29th June at 2:00pm—Reception 2016
Parent meeting in the hall



Y4 are on chicken duty next week

Attendance Award



Congratulations to Birch Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99.3% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95.7% attendance over-all which is just below our target.



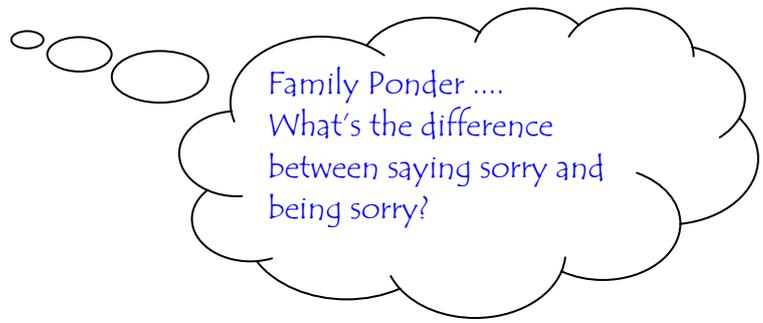
Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see photographs and updates about school life.

<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>

Maths Challenge

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	48			

Fill the empty squares with the total for each row and column.



New Website!

www.torbayorb.com/local-offer is a new website which has been created to provide information to parents and carers about services and support for children and young people in Torbay. 'The Orb' is essentially a directory of services to help with anything from health and fitness to child care, finances or learning difficulties. Explore The Orb to find out what services are available and what's going on in Torbay!

Equality Information

As a school we work hard to reduce prejudice and increase understanding of equality through our teaching, our curriculum and our school values and ethos. The senior leadership team have recently been reviewing our work on equality and in particular, the progress of children in the following groups:

- Children with special needs and disabilities
- Children for whom English is an additional language
- Children who are looked after by the local authority
- Children who are in receipt of pupil premium funding
- Progress and attainment in terms of gender i.e. for boys versus girls



We have created a document entitled 'Equalities Information' which outlines to parents and carers, governors, staff and inspectors how we work to reduce prejudice and promote attainment and inclusion of children in the above groups.

We have also identified 4 key areas which we want to monitor and improve over the coming year. Our equality aims or objectives are as follows:

- To narrow the gap in performance for pupils with special needs and disabilities
- To narrow the gap in performance of pupils in receipt of pupil premium funding
- To promote the faith and culture of pupils and families from other countries
- To monitor extra-curricular participation of children who are in a 'protected group'

If you would like to read the document it will be available on the website or you can pick up a paper copy from the office. We would welcome any comments / questions or feedback on the document and our equality duty; if you would like to discuss this matter please contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Pike.

Sports Days—here are the timings for the two days of events:

Thursday 23rd June

9:30—10:45 Olympic Opening Ceremony for the whole school on the field

1:00—3:00 Sports Afternoon for the whole school on the field (A carousel of events)

Friday 24th June

9:10—11:00 Reception and Y1 and Y2 Track events on the field

1:00 –3:00 Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Track events on the field.

Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kits for these two days. Your class teacher will inform you if there is any other requirement for the Opening Ceremony (some need different coloured tops, etc.) We look forward to seeing you next week!