



Summer Term Newsletter No. 1

Whilst Easter eggs were eaten and the children relaxed we had a madly busy Easter holiday in school as the crane arrived at school to lift in the six modular units which have created an amazing space! We now have a super area to hold Breakfast and After School Club whilst also offering meeting space through the day. Plus... an additional classroom for music, dance, drama and cooking! It really is a superb space and it will allow us to offer our children and their families additional opportunities beyond the everyday curriculum. If you would like to see photos of how it is progressing, please look on our Twitter page. Monday morning will see the first children crossing the threshold and also allow the opening of the gate from St Margaret's Close. We have really appreciated your patience with the inconvenience caused by the new building but hope you can appreciate the benefits to your child.

Our Summer Term is bringing a heap of new things, some of which we cannot reveal yet despite bursting at the seams to tell you! As part of recognising our British Values we will be celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday and our Sports Day this year will have an Olympic theme. We started the term with an Assembly on Monday about becoming a Rights Respecting School—if you are interested in working with a group of children and Mrs Wall to help us achieve this then please call in and let us know.

We have also changed our playtime sports so they reflect summer sports—this week the children have been learning how to play Boccia. As being healthy is so important for children we are also considering introducing daily fitness for children, in addition to their PE lessons. The Scottish schools who have introduced running a daily mile have seen huge benefits in health and concentration so we are contemplating doing something similar, starting with a 5 minute daily walk/jog/run! We'll keep you informed!

This Week's Star Pupils:



Ash— Ethan Bellamy
Elm— Floyd Le-Milliere
Beech — Joseph Harding
Pine — Tjay Brooks
Apple— Anusha Hossain
Oak— Hedley Tidy
Cherry— Bobby McAllister
Holly — Harrison Moore
Willow— Georgia Smith
Maple — Alfie Straw
Birch — Angel McKenna
Rowan — Aurora Rosser
Hawthorn — Matthew Proffitt
Hazel — Hayley Batt

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 18th April—Holly Class Swimming
Thursday 21st April—Queen's Birthday celebrations
(See next page for details)

Attendance Award



Congratulations to Pine Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 97.9% attendance.

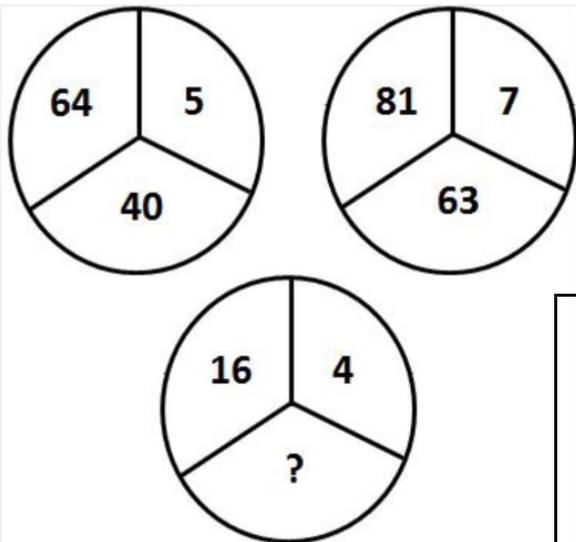
The whole school achieved 95.5% attendance overall which is just below our target of 96%.



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

<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>

Maths Challenge



Family ponder.....

Are all of our words
made up?



Ash 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!)

The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations

We are hoping the Queen's 90th Birthday on April 21st will be sunny and dry as we have lots planned.

We would like the children to come to school wearing red, white and blue and we will also be having a special school roast dinner that day. Different year groups will be doing different things so please look out for a letter informing you of what your child is doing—it may be a tea party, an opportunity to come in and make a crown watch out for information from your child's class teacher.



Bake Off



As a special family event we are holding a Bake Off! If you fancy joining in with the fun please create a "Show Stopper" cake that celebrates the Queen's 90th Birthday.

The only rule is that you use a 2 egg, 4 ounce flour, 4 ounce sugar, 4 ounce butter sponge recipe but after that the creativity is up to you and your family! Please send your cakes in on Thursday 21st April and we will judge and display them for all to see! The winners will be invited in to school to join their child for a meal at the "top table" one day.

We will also be holding a Junior Disco after school for Y3—Y6. There will be a small entry charge of £2 for the PTA to cover the costs of refreshments etc. The doors will open at 4:45pm to allow everyone to be in for a 5:00pm start. Please make sure you collect your child from the school at 6:00pm. If you have made alternative arrangements for someone else to collect your child, or if you are happy for your Y5/Y6 child to walk home then please send them to the disco with a brief note to that effect so we can keep it for our records. Children without written permission to walk home will not be allowed to leave the site. We appreciate that this can be awkward for parents but we need to make sure all the children are safe—a brief note ensures we all know the arrangements for the end of the disco.

We hope everyone enjoys the fun we have planned!

Summer Term Clubs

Please see if your child would like to attend any of our extra-curricular clubs this term. They will be starting next week so they will need to speak to the member of staff organising the club.

Teacher	Club	Day & Time	Year Group	Location
Mrs N Turner	Loombands	Tuesday Lunchtime	KS1	Apple Classroom
Mrs Price/Mrs Broom	Netball	Tuesday 3.05-4.15pm	Yr 4,5 & 6	Playground/Hall
Mrs Stell	Book Swap	Weds 12.15-1.00pm	Yrs 1-6	Outdoors if sunny/ ICT room if wet
Mrs Posey	Art Club	Thurs 3.05-3.45	KS1	Oak Classroom
Mrs Stamp-Vincent	Knitting	Thurs 3.05-3.45pm	Yrs 5 & 6	Library
Mr Mayling	Cricket	Mon 3.05-4.00pm	Yrs 5 & 6	Field/Hall
Mr Mayling	Athletics	Weds 3.05-4.00pm	Yrs 5 & 6	Field/Hall
Mr Mayling	Healthy Sixty	Fri 3.05-4.00pm	Yrs 3 & 4	Field/Hall
Ms Fielding/Mr Mayling	Running Club	Fri 12.15-12.45pm	Yrs 5 & 6	Field
Premier Sport	Multi-skills	Mon 3.05-4.00pm	Yrs 1 & 2	Lower Playground
Premier Sport	Gymnastics	Weds 7.45-8.45am	Whole School	Hall

Y2 Multi-Skills Competition (Level 2)

Winning the Multi-Skills competition meant a team from Oak Class got through to the level 2 competition which is a Torbay wide round event. Schools attended from around the Bay and the children took part in various activities testing their agility, balance and co-ordination. The children all worked hard as part of a team and after two hours of physical activity, they were awarded first place! Furzeham came 2nd and Homelands came 3rd.

What an amazing effort, well done!





Punctuality



This term we will be focusing on punctuality and introducing a late gate system. In practice this will mean that on some days Mrs Brennan Osment and Mrs Pike will be on the gates to discuss any problems with punctuality and look at ways we can support.

Arriving at school on time is a good thing!

Being on time:

- ⇒ gets the day off to a good start with everyone in a positive frame of mind;
- ⇒ sets positive patterns for the future;
- ⇒ helps your child to make the most of his/her learning;
- ⇒ helps children to develop a sense of responsibility both for themselves and for others;
- ⇒ helps your child make and keep friends;
- ⇒ leads to success and self-confidence.



Being late is a bad thing!

Being late:

- ⇒ gets the day off to a bad start, can put everyone in a bad mood and can be stressful; can be embarrassing for your child;
- ⇒ is noticed by others who might make negative comments
- ⇒ your child will have missed out on vital instructions, information and bits of news at the start of the day, this may lead to them feeling confused;
- ⇒ disrupts the learning for everyone;
- ⇒ means children can fall behind in their learning;
- ⇒ can create a bad habit than can be hard to break in the future;
- ⇒ Can lead to poor attendance.

Types of lateness

Late **before** the registration closes - when your child is a few minutes late (from 8.55 to 9.10am)

If your child arrives after 9:10am this is marked as late **after** the register closes **and counts as an unauthorised absence.**

Some things that help

- Helping your child to get everything ready the night before (e.g. PE kit, reading book, school uniform)
- Allowing plenty of time to get to school.
- Making arrangements with neighbours, family or friends if you have problems getting your child to school.
- Making sure your child has breakfast or arrives at school in time for breakfast club.
- Establishing a good bedtime routine. Even simple things like making sure the room is dark enough to enable your child to sleep well can make mornings easier and less of a struggle.
- Making sure your child gets enough rest and is not distracted by too much time on the computer or watching TV.
- Setting an alarm clock!
- Taking care of yourself!

What should you do if you have a problem getting your child to school on time?

- Talk to your child first
- Talk to your child's teacher
- Ask for help from someone in school e.g. Mrs Pike, Mrs Brennan Osment or our family support worker, Mrs Lewis

Please remember we are here to help. We want to work together to find solutions so that little problems don't become BIG ones.

Please note the term dates for the rest of this academic year and the following one. Please also remember that headteachers can no longer authorise absence in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2015 – 2016

PLEASE NOTE - Occasional day holiday Friday 29th April 2016

Bank Holiday Monday 2nd May 2016

Half Term – Monday 30th May 2016 –Friday 3rd June 2016

Summer Holiday - Last day in school for the **children** Thursday 21st July 2016

Non pupil day Friday 22nd July 2016

ACADEMIC YEAR 2016 - 2017

Non Pupil days Thursday 1st & Friday 2nd September 2016

First day back for the **children** Monday 5th September 2016

Half Term – Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October 2016

Christmas Holidays – last day in school Friday 16th December 2016

Non Pupil Day Tuesday 3rd January 2017

First day back for the **children** Wednesday 4th January 2017

Half Term – Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February 2017

Easter Holidays – Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April 2017

First day back **Tuesday** 18th April 2017

May Day Bank Holiday 1st May 2017

Half Term – 29th May – 2nd June 2017

Summer Holiday - Last day in school for the **children** Thursday 20th July 2017

Non-pupil days 21st & 24th July 2017

ACADEMIC YEAR 2017 – 2018

Non-pupil days 4th and 5th September 2017

First day back for the children **Wednesday** 6th September 2017