



Spring Term Newsletter No.3

Another week has gone by and the school has had lots of exciting things going on. We had an Assembly with Dreadlock Alien on Tuesday and he had the whole school in giggles with his rhyming poetry and beatboxing. He then worked with the Year 5 classes to help them compose some of their own performance poetry. They will be taking part in the Torbay Poetry Slam later in the year.

We also had the Life Education Van here so the children were learning about staying healthy and the safe use of medicines. Each class had a visit to the van over the week.



On Thursday our Space inspired meal was a huge success with the children enjoying watching Tim Peake's recent launch to the International Space Station whilst munching on fruit rocket kebabs and sparkly star biscuits. There was much excitement about discovering mystery planet plates and there were seven lucky winners .. and only one disaster with someone turning their full plate over to see if there was a sticker underneath!

This Week's Star Pupils:



- Beech — Adrienne Sturdy
- Pine — Billy Philbin
- Apple— Jessica Harvey
- Oak— James Evers
- Cherry— Mia Herniques
- Holly — Owen Houghton
- Willow— Max Peplow
- Maple — Byron Prill
- Birch — Owen Rose
- Rowan — Louis Straw
- Hawthorn — Charlie Charlesworth
- Hazel — Regan Heavisides

Diary Date Reminders:

Martial Arts with Shane Lynch at The Spires College on Saturday, January 23rd from 1pm

April 29th 2016—Extra Bank Holiday (linked to the May Day holiday weekend) to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday.

Attendance Award



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

The whole school achieved 95.3% attendance overall which is above 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

6	+		=	14
+		+		+
	+	9	=	16
=		=		=
13	+		=	

20	-	12	=	
+		+		+
25	-		=	13
=		=		=
	-		=	

Can you solve the Sudoku?

Family Ponder....

Would you rather have a
£100 to save for a year, or
£50 to spend now?

Please pay for school meals in advance—the school is currently owed a substantial amount of money by parents whose accounts are in arrears. Please check School Gateway to check your account.



Minecraft Information for Parents

Many children enjoy playing Minecraft but many parents aren't aware that there is a social networking element to the game too so the NSPCC has a useful guide for parents to explain how to change the settings to make sure your children are safe online.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/minecraft-a-parents-guide/>

Y6 SATS

There are many changes to this year's SATS so we thought the parents of Y6 children might appreciate understanding what is involved in the tests. The link below should take you directly to a video which will explain the tests your child will take this year.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BxDHhJOLp-QWbHFRZ2FISi1aQ3M/view?pref=2&pli=1>

Headlice

It must be that time of year again as there are lots of reported cases of headlice in school. Nobody enjoys this aspect of childhood so can we please ask that you check your child's hair regularly and treat your child's hair as necessary which should help reduce the spread of lice. If you do find headlice please let your child's class teacher know so we can inform other parents in that class so they can check their own child. It also helps if you can keep your children's hair tied back if it is long. Thank you for supporting us with this.

PTA News

We are very pleased that we have been able to set up a new PTA committee so we should be able to plan more events for the children. The Chair is Emma Lane, Secretary is Gemma Duggan and Treasurer is Jamie Rochester-Churchill but as parents, you are all members of the PTA and welcome to make suggestions for fund raising or come along and help out at events. It would be great to support these parents who are keen to make a difference to the school and provide fun experiences for your child whilst raising money to benefit all the children. Watch out for more information from them—they will be organising an evening social event soon, purely for parents, where you can all meet, ask questions and find out how you can get involved.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF BUILDING WORKS

We are very hopeful that our long awaited, new and improved Breakfast Club and After School Club building will be ready for use in the Summer term. This does mean that after half term in February there will be disruption to the site as they prepare the ground and lift in sections of the building. For the Health and Safety of the children the access to the school grounds from St Margaret's Close will be shut for that half term. The only access to the school grounds will be from the main entrances off Barewell Road. This does have implications for parking and congestion around the school so if at all possible please park away from the school and walk the last part of your journey. We are investigating getting free passes to The Model Village Car park to help during the busy drop off and pick up times. We will keep you informed of all the changes that will be necessary to school routines during that period.