



Autumn Term Newsletter No.14

What a lovely time we have had in the run up to Christmas. The PTA Christmas Fair last Friday was a great success and it was lovely to see so many parents in school helping to organise the event. The PTA made a profit of £651.17 after deducting any expenses, which is a fantastic amount to have raised. We are very grateful to the PTA members and the families who supported the school by giving the children such a fun Christmas fair. Thank you all!

The bauble competition was also a big hit with the children and there were some incredibly creative designs. It really was very difficult to judge! Hopefully you will enjoy the children's baubles on your own Christmas trees for years to come.

On Tuesday afternoon the Reception classes held a Christmas Craft afternoon and the children's families were invited in to have some fun with glitter and glue! The children always love having family members come in to class so they can show them what they have been learning.

Our Christmas Service in Upton Vale Baptist Church on Tuesday night was delightful. It was led by the Junior children and the readers told the story of the Nativity whilst our choir sang and signed a range of Christmas songs. The children joined in the singing beautifully and if you wish to hear their last song of the night, "Jingle Bell Rock," it was recorded and will be played on Radio Devon on Saturday 23rd December just before midday when Kerry White's show finishes.

Twenty two children from Y6 entertained the residents at Abbeyfield Residential Home on Wednesday with a selection of Christmas songs. This was a lovely experience for our children.

Thursday's Christmas lunch was another triumph! Our kitchen team were superbly well prepared and there was a lovely atmosphere as the children enjoyed their traditional dinner.

We are very proud of this week's Star Pupils!



Beech — Stephanie is always smiling and tries her hardest, joining in with all our activities this week.
Pine — Jake always puts 100% effort into everything and has a fabulous sense of humour!
Apple — Ruby has a positive attitude, is enthusiastic about learning and shows great kindness to others.
Oak — Mylee is a role model for our school values. She is incredibly kind and thoughtful to all.
Birch — Poppy is a good friend and showed wonderful kindness in the playground yesterday.
Rowan — Kelis has made amazing progress in reading, writing and maths. Wow! Just Wow!
Cherry — Jake always puts his best effort in everything he does. He's a joy to teach!
Maple — Jayden T shows great enthusiasm in maths, especially learning his times tables.
Holly — Alfie B has settled in Y5 with maturity and always tackles challenges with a great attitude.
Willow — Finley produced a great piece of writing at the end of an all round great term. Well done!
Hawthorn — Rose has made a superb effort, produced excellent writing and has a positive attitude.
Hazel — Jacob is a star for his all round effort and progress and his positive personality!

Diary Date Reminders:

Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd January—Non Pupil Days
Thursday 4th January—First day of term for the children

Also, remember to watch out for the special edition of the Herald Express when they publish the photographs of all the nativities that took place in the schools around Torbay. Our Lights! Camel! Action! should feature in there.



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

The whole school achieved 95.9% attendance. So close to our 96% target!

Sports Hall Athletics Competition – Level 3

Having already achieved second place in the Torquay final, on the 7th December the Y6 Athletics Team competed in the Torbay Level 3 Sports Hall Athletics final held at South Devon College, which was a fantastic achievement. Seven schools from all over the bay competed with the top two schools qualifying for the School Games Devon Finals. All the children took part in a range of track and field events. They all worked really hard and they managed to better their performance from the first competition. We amassed the most points in the field events and some of the children are the best in the bay for their event. Overall we came third, Sherwell Valley came second and Curledge Street won. What an achievement!



Have a very
Happy Christmas
and Happy New Year
from all the staff at
St. Margaret's Academy.



Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.