



Summer Term Newsletter No.6

The last week of the half term has been another busy one and the children have enjoyed the sunshine and being outdoors more, especially the children who took part in Bikeability. Their confidence has grown and the instructors were very complimentary about how well the children listened to the instructions to stay safe out on the roads. They also commented on how polite they were when out and about around the roads of Torquay.

Thank you for supporting the PTA on the Non Uniform day by sending in a bottle—we have had a huge amount donated which should make the tombola stall at the fair very popular again this year. The PTA are busy preparing for the fair and would be very grateful for offers of help either beforehand or on the day. Please contact them via their Facebook page if you can give some time to make the fair a success. The PTA 50p ice cream sales beginning after school every Friday from the 8th July and there is another cake sale in the next couple of weeks. All money raised is spent on equipment for the children.

Sports Days will be taking place soon (KS1 on Thursday 28th June from 1:15pm, KS2 on Friday 29th June from 9:15am to 3:00pm, Reception on Monday 2nd July from 1:30pm). We can never predict the weather for these events and have to consider the safety of the children in slippery conditions. We will give you as much notice as we can if we have to reschedule the days due to wet weather and will put an announcement on our telephone system in the News section, as well as text you. Hopefully we will be lucky and the weather will stay warm and dry. Please check your child's sports shoes before Sports Day as we often have badly fitting plimsolls flying off on the race track! If you need a refillable water bottle they can be bought from the office for £1.

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



Ash— Sophia H is such a kind, caring girl. She makes super effort with her learning at home, too.
Louis is a super 'Solveosaurus' when investigating measures. He even estimated how tall his friends are.
Elm— Bella has been using fantastic story language in her writing. It's lovely to hear her read it back!
Summer has been applying her knowledge of addition to add coins to make different totals.
Beech — Joshua B has a wonderful attitude to all his learning and shown amazing improvement.
Pine — Holly has completed some superb independent writing, including adjectives to add interest.
Apple — Ethan has tried hard to edit and redraft his writing and has pride in the presentation of his work.
Oak — Harry has shown increased concentration and independence in his learning recently. Keep it up!
Birch — Donney has been trying really hard to improve the quality of his handwriting this week.
Rowan — Joseph has excellent persuasive writing skills and achieved his pen licence this week!
Cherry — James E is always a kind and caring member of the class. His handwriting has improved greatly, too.
Maple — Buster has shown great concentration and effort in his writing this week.
Holly — Aiden B has included an excellent range of sentence types in his writing, making his work really great.
Willow — Hannah approaches her learning and challenges with a bright and positive attitude.
Hawthorn — Frazer shows incredible positivity and is great in partnerwork. Always super effort!
Hazel — Charley has shown a consistently aspirational attitude to her work, going the extra mile.

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 4th June—Willow Class swimming lessons

Friday 8th June—PTA ice cream sales begin. Watch out for PTA members selling ice creams for 50p at the end of the school day.

Thursday 13th June—PTA cake sale from 3:05pm. Y1 and Y2 to provide the cakes please.



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

The whole school achieved 95.3%
attendance. Well done everyone!
Keep it Up.

Leave of Absence Requests

We have had many requests for leave recently. Please remember that we are no longer able to authorise leave unless there are exceptional circumstances. A holiday in term time is not an exceptional circumstance as parents are expected to take their children on holiday during the 13 weeks of annual holidays that all schools have. If you do take your child out of school without authorisation then the school is legally required to pass this information on to the Local Authority.

- The Local Authority may then issue a penalty notice and fine you on the first occasion (Pay £60 within 21 days of receipt of the Penalty Notice; Pay £120 between 22-28 days of receipt of the Penalty Notice)
- The penalties for taking children out of school a second time have increased quite dramatically and now, only one Penalty Notice will be issued within a two year period. If you take your child out of school again, within this two year period without authorisation, you are likely to be summonsed to Court and, if convicted, you could receive a fine of up to £1,000.
- If you are convicted and take your child out of school again within the next five years, you will be summonsed to court and if convicted, you could receive a fine of up to £2,500 or up to 3 months imprisonment.

Our Attendance Policy is on our website and we would draw your attention to the fact no leave of absence will be authorised in September (a crucial time in school for children to settle in to their new classes) or May (a crucial time in school with many statutory tests taking place).

General Data Protection Regulation! (GDPR) If you are like us, your inbox has been bombarded with companies seeking your consent to continue contacting you! As a school we must comply with all the new regulations that came into effect from 25th May. The point of GDPR is to make sure sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe. Whilst it is similar to the current Data Protection Act in many ways, there are a few differences, so we need to make a few changes at the school in order to ensure we remain compliant. We have appointed an external Data Protection Officer who will help us achieve compliance with the new regulations. We have also published a new Privacy Notice which will outline how we use your data. You can find this on our website in the GDPR folder in our 'About the School' section. You will also find information on how long the school is required to keep your data and how we dispose of it in our Record Retention Schedule.

<http://www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk/website/gdpr/352714>

Whilst the majority of pupil information you provide to us is mandatory, some of it is provided to us on a voluntary basis. In order to comply with the General Data Protection Regulation, we will inform you about the variety of communications you can choose to receive from the school and offer options for you to consent to, or not, with regard to your child. Even receiving this newsletter will become something you will have to opt in to. If you opt out, we will continue to publish the newsletter on our website so you can access the information there. Please watch out for the information we send home regarding staying in touch. We will only ever send you information we believe is in your child's interest.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.