

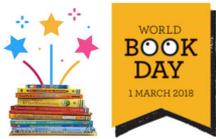


Spring Term Newsletter No.7

Thank you for attending the parents' meetings this week— the teachers really appreciate the opportunity to talk to you about your child's progress and we hope you find the meetings useful too.

Our school featured in The Herald Express this week and on Devon Live with an article about the benefits of running. Torbay Council have linked with Premier Sports to launch an initiative that they hope all schools in Torbay will engage with and, as we have been running for some time now, they asked us to help promote the new campaign. You can see Mr Tullier talking about the health benefits in the video we have posted on our website:

http://www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk/website/february_2018/335375



Don't forget that Thursday is World Book Day and we will be dressing in our pyjamas and dressing gowns (and sensible shoes!) The children can bring in a favourite book to share with other children at some point in the day and KS1 will be inviting the children's parents in to share a book at the end of the day. We are encouraging the children to bring in £1 which we will donate to the Book Aid International charity who send new children's books to schools and libraries in Africa .



The Book Fayre will also be in school and you will be able to use your £1 voucher towards the cost of a book at the Fayre or spend it in a local bookshop on one of the special books that are produced for World Book Day.

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



- Beech — Noah has been thinking really carefully about making the right choices.
- Pine — Sophia is always trying her best and being respectful of others. She has a lovely smile all day long!
- Apple — Thomas is aspirational and encourages others to be aspirational in their learning too.
- Oak — Charlie D has shown excellent listening this week and made a super effort in maths.
- Birch — Ashton has shown persistence in maths and achieved his 108 club this week.
- Rowan — James has made a tremendous effort in his writing this week.
- Cherry — Dillon has shown greater dedication to his leaning and produced some excellent results.
- Maple — Harrison has made a conscious effort to stay on task and contribute in class, putting in 100% effort!
- Holly — Rhianna has developed well in all areas of learning this year. We are very proud.
- Willow — Zoe has been aspirational in her reading and answering questions in a greater level of detail.
- Hawthorn — Andre has made great progress in his learning due to his superb attitude.
- Hazel — Bethany goes the extra mile at home to support her progress in writing. Amazing effort!

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 28th February — Holly Class swimming
Thursday 1st March—World Book Day. (See newsletter information)

Don't forget to check your eschools app for future dates. All dates are also on our website calendar.



Attendance Award
Congratulations to
Cherry Class
for winning the School
Attendance Award with
99% attendance.

The whole school attendance was affected by the flu epidemic! We only achieved 91.5% attendance. Hopefully everyone is well again now.

Y2 Gardening Day

Our Orchard is in a bit of a sorry state after the winter months. We are hoping that the weather is kind to us next Wednesday as we have invited the families of Y2 children in for the afternoon to help us out. KS1 are learning about food and where it comes from so we plan to get the orchard fit for planting again. If you have any seeds or seedlings that you can spare we would be very grateful for them. We are hoping to grow enough food to be able to use it in our school kitchen and have some left over to hold market stalls for you!

Another recipe to try!

On Tuesday next week the school lunch meat option is Southern Baked Chicken Fingers. These are 100% chicken and absolutely delicious so we thought we would share the recipe with you—if you try them out at home we'd love you to send us some photos to our Twitter account.

Ingredients

- 4 Chicken Breasts (cut in half length ways)
- A tub of natural yogurt
- Mexican spices
- Polenta

Marinate the chicken breasts in the yogurt overnight.

The next day:

Mix some Mexican spices into some polenta
Roll the chicken breast in the spiced polenta mix to coat each piece
Bake in the oven for 20 minutes at 180 degrees/ Gas mark 4 or 5

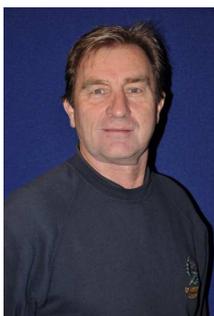


St Margaret's Close

The building work at the top of St Margaret's Close (the backgate to the school) is causing reduced parking in that area. Please remember that the Close is a Private Road and parents should not be driving into the Close or parking in there— we have pedestrian access to the school but not vehicular. Please park on St Margaret's Road rather than in St Margaret's Close.

PlayPod Equipment

Our PlayPod is restocked termly with large cardboard tubes, foam tubes, plastic bin lids, cardboard cable reels, outdoor cushions, computer keyboards, steering wheels... in fact, anything safe enough for the children to use in imaginative play. The children will build assault courses, or pirate ships, castles or rockets, etc. The PTA fund the £50 cost of this but if you have any large items you think could be used in creative play or to build with please send them in to school or call and ask us if you are not sure they would be suitable.



We Say a Farewell!

We are saying a fond farewell to Mr Roberts. Over the years, Darrell Roberts has been involved with the school in many capacities—his children came here, he was a member of the PTA, he was employed as a Teaching Assistant and latterly as Caretaker's Assistant. Mr Roberts has always got involved in the wider life of the school, running footballs clubs and helping out at school events. Darrell enjoyed meeting and greeting the children in the morning and they enjoyed the high fives he gave out! We wish him the best of luck in the next phase of his life and thank him for all he has done over the years.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.