



Summer Term Newsletter No.1

Hello and welcome back. We hope you and your families had a lovely Easter holiday, enjoying the beautiful Spring weather. It is always lovely to see the children again after a break and they come back full of news and excitement for the term ahead. You should have received curriculum maps to inform you about the children's topics but if not, they are all available on our website in the Curriculum Tab. The Homework for the term is there too, should your child claim to have 'lost' their homework!

Our Play Pod's Spring Clean

First we got everything out of the shed—it was very messy! There were lots of cobwebs and some very big spiders but we still did it. Then we sorted the equipment into piles. We put all the toys, materials, junk modelling, pipes and mats together. All of the things that were dirty or broken we put into a recycling pile which can be made into something new. Now the shed is neat and tidy so we can play with it every day. It made us feel happy and proud because now everyone can enjoy the playpod again!

By Birch Class

If you have any unwanted items that could go into our playpod please let us know—we use all sorts of materials to use in imaginative play! You can see some photos of the Playpod in action on our website http://www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk/website/play_times/249320

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



- Ash - Isla is a kind and caring friend and has been trying to new areas of learning.
 - Naomi's confidence is growing and she is sharing her ideas with others more.
- Elm - Stephanie has been a tryatops and learning to say "I'll try".
 - Theo has been showing courage and independence when saying Good-Bye to mum.
- Beech — Keira has a fabulous learning attitude and improved confidence.
- Pine — Lacey is always respectful and a kind friend to others.
- Apple — Felix wrote exceptionally well, remembering all the skills he has been taught this year!
- Oak — Kye has persevered with his maths this week.
- Birch — Lois has shown excellent attitude and effort when learning some tricky maths.
- Rowan — Jayden has tried hard in all areas of learning—his attitude has been excellent.
- Cherry — Emilia has a much improved attitude to learning.
- Maple — Cristina has made excellent progress, particularly in her independent writing.
- Holly — Chloe for showing growth mindset and persevering with maths this week.
- Willow — Callum for making all round effort in is approach to school!
- Hawthorn — Poppy makes a superb effort in everything and is a great support to others.
- Hazel — Ollie has a fantastic learning attitude and is making excellent progress.

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 24th April— Rowan Class swimming

Monday 24th April—Y2 Beach Trip

Thursday 27th April—Y1 Country Park Trip

Don't forget our clubs start again from Monday 24th April.



Attendance Award

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

The whole school achieved 94.7% attendance overall which is below our target.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you for supporting the last book fair we had. The school has received £330 worth of books for the library as a result. If you have any books for primary aged children in good condition that your child no longer reads we are always grateful for them to boost our library collection.

Safeguarding Children

It is everyone's responsibility to safeguard children and, as a school, we take this seriously. We do work closely with other agencies and have been asked to remind you of how all agencies share information:

Information from the Police and Social Care

Torbay Education Safeguarding Service is a service working in partnership with schools to promote the welfare of children and young people, and to ensure they are safe from harm.

As part of their work they will receive information from partner agencies, such as the police and social care. If it is considered in the interest of the child or young person, this information will be shared with the school.

If information is shared, this will be in accordance with the key principles of the Data Protection Act and be on a need to know basis, and will only occur to help schools protect and promote the welfare of your son or daughter. When there is any sharing of information, schools should discuss this with you to enable a partnership approach to meeting the needs of your son or daughter.

If you have any questions about the service, please ask in school, or telephone the Torbay Education Safeguarding Service on 01803 393857

Football News

On the last day of the Spring Term the boys football team played in the semi-final of the Bewley Cup at Torquay Academy vs Shiphay. After a close first half ending 0-0 the boys performed heroically in the second half and edged out as 1-0 winners on the night. They will now play at the home of Torquay United FC in the final in May. Well done boys.



Free Tennis

Cary park Tennis Club are offering free taster sessions for all the family! On Sunday 30th April there is a Grandparents Day which is free for all ages if accompanied by a grandparent and grandchild. On Saturday 13th May there is a free taster session for all the family from 2pm to 5pm. There are free refreshments too!

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.