

# St Margarets Academy

**Hands-Face-Space-Fresh Air- Act as if you've got it**

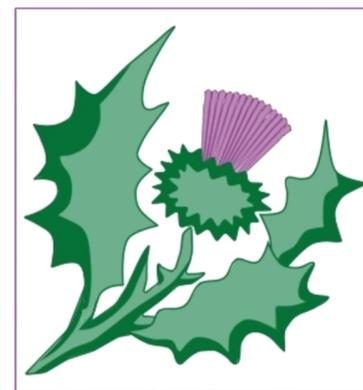
Dear Parents,

We started this week with our assembly linked to the theme of *changing me*, looking at how we can change and learn from our mistakes. We looked at how disappointing it can be when something goes wrong like the Torquay United players missing out on a return to the Football League and the Welsh football team crashing out of the Euros. Here are 4 steps we considered in assembly to help us move on positively: **accept your mistake - take a break - reflect: how did it go wrong? - try a different way**

It has been another full and productive week in school. We are spending time reviewing the progress we've made this year by looking at assessments, watching lessons, looking in books and talking to children. Governors have been involved in this too with visits on Tuesday and today. It helps us to understand what we're doing well and to start prioritising for next year. We have some really exciting plans already in place for reading next year. Mrs Turner and I joined the Open University team on Monday evening in preparation for the reading for pleasure project next year.

Your child's end of year reports are now with Mrs Pike and me for a final check and sign-off. You will receive the report in an email this year direct from your current class teacher on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. You will then have an opportunity to make an appointment to discuss the report with your child's teacher if you wish. *If you would prefer a printed paper copy of the report, please email the class teacher to request one or let the office know.*

Next Thursday is our transition day when your child will be meeting their teacher for next year. Due to the pandemic, this will be taking place outside and for a shorter period of time than we would have liked. In line with government guidance, we just want to reduce the chances of transmission to ensure everybody stays safe and nobody ends up isolating for 10 days.



## Upcoming Events

**July 8**

Transition Day

**July 21**

Last Day of term



## Whole School

### Attendance

**96.7%**

**This week's**

**class attendance star goes**

**to**

**Hawthorn Class with**

**99.7%**

**Amazing Attendance**

## More Important News



Year 6 children have enjoyed an amazing week of activities, stretching across the last few days and last week. This has replaced the usual residential due to pandemic restrictions. Have a look in our [PSHE Blog](#) to read lots about it and see some of the photos. A huge thank you to all the staff who have given their time and enabled these magical events to take place: Mr Marchant, Miss Pilkiewicz, Mrs West, Mrs Broom, Mrs Cosh, Mrs Gunstone, Miss North, Miss McGowan and the rest of the kitchen staff.



### HSC go Sailing

Have a look at the [Hearing Support Centre](#) page's latest news to see some wonderful photos and smiles. Our pupils from the HSC have been sailing in the bay. Find out how they got on here as well

## LFD, PCR and Isolation Clarification – Public Health Update

LFD tests should **not** be used by anyone who is symptomatic. If you have any symptoms of Corona Virus you should book a PCR test at a test site.

LFDs detect the virus in people **without** symptoms so each positive case we find is one that would have gone otherwise undetected. They identify asymptomatic people with a high viral load who are the most likely to spread the virus further.

Anyone who tests positive using an LFD test will be asked to take a confirmatory follow-up PCR test. It remains essential that anyone who gets a positive LFD result self-isolates immediately for 10 days, as well as the other members of their household. You must only leave home for your follow-up test. You should arrange your confirmatory PCR immediately. For the fastest result, we suggest you [book a PCR test at a test site](#). You can also book a home test [online](#) or call 119 to book a test. A PCR test will confirm if you have been affected by coronavirus or not, and reduce unnecessary self-isolation by you and your household. If you then receive a negative result from the PCR, and the PCR test was taken within 2 days of the LFD, then you and your contacts will be informed you can cease self-isolating.

## Midsummer August Music



Has your child always wanted to play a musical instrument? Torquay Boys Grammar is hosting 3 experience days in August for any children aged 8-18. If you are interested you can find out more and book by clicking the link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHuw6LmvKQuDXmuFEeDCfW80QaX1gux\\_ON2WyyAKiF1D5YBA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHuw6LmvKQuDXmuFEeDCfW80QaX1gux_ON2WyyAKiF1D5YBA/viewform)

## PTA

The current PTA is standing down and we desperately need some new parents to take up the mantle from September. We are seeking a Chairperson, a Treasurer and a Secretary. Please do make contact with the current team or let the office know if you might be interested. The PTA plays a huge part in school life and if we can return to normal working from September (fingers crossed) it would be great to be able to offer all the additional opportunities and much needed fund-raising. Please do approach us with any questions.

## Free Bus Travel in the Bay

Torbay Council are delighted to be able to offer free bus travel to families that are entitled to benefits related free school meals for the summer holiday period. If you would like the chance to travel on Stagecoach buses to explore Torbay, we are offering eligible families, five family day passes. Each pass will enable up to two adults and three children the ability to travel for free. (If you have a larger family we will provide additional tickets)



We hope that this will support you to take advantage of the many opportunities that the Bay has to offer.

If you are eligible and would like to receive these tickets please register your details using the link below

<https://forms.torbay.gov.uk/SummerBusTickets>

Registration to receive tickets closes on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 5pm.

Have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Hughes', is written in a cursive style.

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



# OF THE WEEK

Beech	Emily - for always being a real super star and getting involved so enthusiastically with all of our jobs. You are always the first to have a go and your array house picture now has pride of place on the maths wall!
Pine	Kaiden- For being such a kind member of our class and for trying something new.
Oak	Myles- for always putting 100% effort into everything he does and for consistently being kind towards others. Thank you for making us all laugh Myles, You are a star!
Apple	Oliver - for some fantastic independent work in maths and English this week. We were so impressed with your fact families and your writing about Gerald the Giraffe.
Birch	Liam - For being so motivated and a model student to all. Also, for having such a huge smile that brightens up my day every day!
Rowan	Lokklyn - for a massive effort in all your work, you are full of enthusiasm for learning and have even done extra homework!
Cherry	James - he has really worked hard to complete all of learning tasks over the past few weeks and is always helpful in class. This half term he has been our expert podcast maker and supported others to make their podcasts too. Well done James and thank you.
Hazel	Sophia and Stephanie are the stars in our bubble this week. They have shown a great understanding in our decimals learning in maths and grouping different sentence types in our writing task.
Willow	Lee - for showing great sportsmanship in our PE lesson yesterday and making an effort to put his hand up more during lessons with his contributions to discussion - Well Done!
Holly	Ava and Elsie - For the effort they have put into practising and improving their recall of multiplication facts - well done and keep it up girls!
Maple	Kye - for showing real teamwork and stepping up to cover a role in the play. You have really demonstrated the school values this week!
Hawthorn	Ethan- you have been incredible in the play so far, demonstrating all our school values. Your passion and commitment to the role is brilliant which includes singing a solo. Well done!

