

Summer Term Newsletter No.1 (26.4.19)

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all enjoyed the long Easter break. We started the week with an assembly on our four school values and the updated [Behaviour Policy](#). We also introduced a new structure to the school day with a slightly longer morning and a shorter afternoon to help us all take advantage of being more focussed before lunch. This change has also helped us to improve our adult supervision and the range of activities we can offer over the lunch period which will help us minimise negative behaviour and make playtimes more enjoyable.

Thank you to those of you who returned the parent questionnaire which helps us form a picture of what we're doing well and what we need to improve. Playtimes, being happy at school, feeling safe, the quality of teaching, meeting emotional needs and leadership were the main strengths you identified; nobody disagreed with these areas. You feel we can do a bit better with helping progress, giving you feedback on progress, homework and responding to your concerns although only 1% or 2% actually disagreed with these statements. Where you think we need to improve most is with behaviour and bullying although only 4% and 8% disagreed with these statements respectively. Most of the positive comments related to how your child enjoys school, loves learning, the progress they make, the good teaching and how we support you well as a family. The most frequent comments on improvements were related to behaviour.

St Margaret's has always had strong values and work before my time has clearly helped improve behaviour already. For example, when the Child Assault Prevention (CAP) workshops took place in March 2016, 27% of children raised bullying as a concern. When CAP visited again last month only 9% of children raised bullying as a concern.

Staff work very hard to ensure children behave well and that any allegations of bullying are always taken very seriously, investigated and followed-up with actions if required. While the above percentages are low for those who think behaviour and bullying is a problem, we aren't complacent and are always thinking how we can do better. For example, the improvements we've made in provision at lunchtime and, in response to your feedback, we are investing in a new scheme for PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) which has excellent resources to help our children work within the school values and to behave in the correct manner.

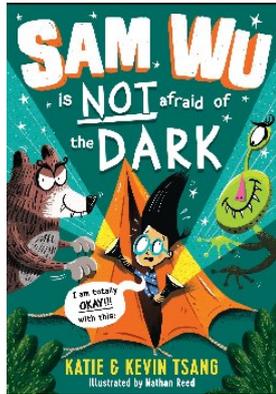
On the last Friday of term before we broke up, Mr Robinson took a group of footballers to play in friendly tournament. [Find out more on the website](#). On Thursday 2nd May, Mr Robinson and Mr Tullier are taking two teams (Y5/6 and Y3/4) to the Torbay Football Finals Night. It starts at 4.00pm and you are very welcome to come and support. Find out more under our [Sports Blog](#).

A huge well-done to Dylan Marshall who completed his [eco-brick project](#) in the holiday. If you want to continue making your eco-bricks at home there is a collection point at Preston Sands. You can find out more on their website: <https://www.ecobricks.org/>

Exciting news for next week. From Monday morning, we will be offering free bagels in the playground when children arrive for school. Many thanks to Mrs Pike and Mrs Colmer for organising this initiative. See [Well-bring in Action](#) for more detail.

Finally, please can I make a polite request that children are supervised in St Margaret's Close before school starts. I have had reports of neighbours gardens being run over and wheelie bins knocked over. Thank you for your support.

Enjoy the weekend.



Miss Palfey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices

Sam Wu is NOT afraid of the DARK by Katie and Kevin Isang. This is part of a series that has proved particularly popular with Year 3 and 4.

The Star-Spun Web by Sinead O'Hart.



Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Holly Class** for winning the School Attendance Award with **100%** attendance. School target: 96% The whole school achieved **96.6% this week**



This Week's Star Pupils!

Ash — Rico - For such enthusiasm and active involvement in our maths learning this week. We were very impressed with your speedy calculation.

Caitlin - Caitlin always tries her best in her learning and it is always a delight to see her so proud of her achievements.

Elm — Frazer - For your super smiles as you listen so carefully to your friends and teachers. You bring so much happiness to Elm class.

Alfie T - You have such a brilliant attitude to school and learning. You work hard every day to practise your learning and show us what you can do.

Beech — Isaac - for starting this term with a fantastic attitude to all aspects of his learning

Pine — Louis for taking outstanding responsibility for his learning and for always being kind.

Oak — Joshua D for having a fabulous first week back after Easter. He has been very helpful and and kind. He has completed all the activities and learning he has been asked to do.

Apple— Reuben - for being a great class role model and showing all of our school core values, great start to the term Reuben!

Birch — Saphia - For representing the school impeccably on the school trip yesterday and showing a great interest in the learning activities.

Rowan — Freya - for great enthusiasm on our trip to the museum yesterday. Your Egyptian acting skill were great!

Cherry — Ellen- For contributing excellent ideas in dance and for working hard to achieve her pen licence.

Maple — Lily- for being a fantastic mathematician and for enjoying showing others her knowledge.

Holly — William - for being an excellent role model both in call and during break and lunch times. Well done.

Willow — Alfie Collings - Alfie has shown a great improvement in the way that he joins in with class discussions and answers questions.

Hazel— Luke- for his consistent acts of kindness, thoughtful comments and compliments

Hawthorn— Alfie C- for making a great start to summer term with his aspirational attitude and fantastic focus

Diary Dates

Wk Beg Tue 7.5.19	Deaf awareness week
Tue 7.5.19 9.00am	<i>Understanding Children's Emotional Needs</i> - course for parents in school
Wed 8.5.19 1.30pm	<i>Understanding Children's Emotional Needs</i> - course for parents in school
Wk beg 13.5.19	Year 6 Statutory Attainment Tests (SATs) - please ensure your child is in school promptly this week.
Saturday 29.6.19	PTA Summer Fair

KINDNESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION