



Spring Term Newsletter No.12 (5.4.19)

Today we sadly said goodbye to Bev Fitzgerald who has worked at St Margaret's since 1992. Bev joined us in our morning assembly for the children to wish her farewell and good luck in her retirement. We reflected on her long contribution to the success of the school over 27 years with her work, often behind the scenes and unnoticed by children. In the staffroom staff, past and present, gathered to wish her well and reminisce on her time here. Bev has worked with four headteachers including myself. She started with Alan Lock followed by Rob Breeze and Sue Stell. She hinted at a few juicy stories but wouldn't tell us more. On behalf of St Margaret's children and parents past and present, I would like to thank Bev for her work and wish her well with her gardening, yoga and grandparenting. The office will be a quieter place and we will all miss her good sense of humour.

This week we finalised our new Behaviour Policy ready to start after the Easter break. If you would like to have a read, you can find it on the website by clicking [here](#). There are no major changes to our current practice and it is completed to help ensure that we all deliver a consistent approach within clear boundaries. The appendices to the policy provide more detail and this is still a developing aspect which will be published later. One part of this includes examples from the children of how our values work in practice. For example, this week children have come up with examples of how our new value *kindness* works. There was a lovely example in Beech Class when children were making pizza whirls; two of whom missed out when they were absent. The final group decided to share their ingredients so those two children still got to have one - completely self initiated!

As I've mentioned previously, the partnership and relationship between home and school is integral to children's success. To help with this I'm pleased to say that we are running a course for parents called *Understanding Children's Emotional Needs*. This will be led by Frances Harding, a Torbay specialist in this area and will take place in school on Tuesday 7.5.19 at 9.00am and Wednesday 8.5.19 at 1.30pm. If you would like to attend please let the office know. We will send out further details after Easter.

On Tuesday, the school choir performed at the Torbay Festival of Performing Arts. Click [here](#) to find out more. Miss Palfrey's reading group had exciting news from author, Andy Shephard this week. Click [here](#) to find out more. Years 3 and 4 have been getting interactive with animals (click [here](#)). To find out about Year 4 and 5's technology work at Cuthbert Mayne click [here](#).

To find out what clubs are available for the summer term, please click [here](#). You should have received an email earlier this week about the offer. Please note that the deadline for signing up to all clubs is Wednesday 24th April. Thank you to Mr Mayling for organising this.

Thank you to the PTA who organised the film night for KS2 this week. If you are interested in finding out more about the PTA and working with them, they are meeting in the Prince of Orange pub this evening at 7.00pm. You are very welcome to attend.

On Wednesday 17th April some staff will be coming into school to have a tidy of the play equipment ready for the summer term. If you would like to join us, we will be starting at 10.00am and aiming to be finished by 1.00pm

I'm amazed at how fast my first term at St Margaret's has gone. It is a pleasure to work here with the amazing children, skilled staff and supportive parents. I look forward to the summer term and continuing to work with you all. In the meantime, enjoy the Easter break.

Tim Hughes

Eoin McLaughlin ♥ Polly Dunbar

The Hug



Mrs Wills has chosen a book this week: The Hug by Polly Dunbar and Eoin Mclaughlin.

A beautiful, heart-warming picture book

Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to **Rowan Class** for winning the School Attendance Award with **99%** attendance. School target: 96% The whole school achieved **96.3% this week**



This Week's Star Pupils!

- Ash — Evie W - For using her sounds independently in her writing.
Edith - For showing confidence in sharing her ideas with others and being a lovely friend.
- Elm — Genevieve - for being a real Try-a-tops, persevering to learn to write all the letters in her name - we are really proud of you Genevieve!
Isaac - For being a real Handwriting Hero, your writing is beautiful!
- Beech — Amy - has been showing more independence in her written work. She wrote a lovely narrative without any adult support!
- Pine — Lewis- for fabulous maths and for being respectful and responsible at all times.
- Oak — Bethany- for being a kind friend by helping others with their work and making sure that they have someone to play with.
- Apple— Charlie M- for making a huge effort to follow the school values. Great week Charlie!
- Birch — Charlie D- For being extremely aspirational and excelling in your learning and progress this half term. You should be very proud of yourself!
- Rowan — Jesse - for singing his solo so beautifully during the Festival of Performing Arts at the Riviera Centre. What a voice!
- Cherry — Daisy - for always being kind and considerate to others and working consistently hard in class. Well done!
- Maple — Lewis - The last two weeks everybody has seen a massive difference in Lewis's attitude to learning. He has been incredibly positive and it is great to see his confidence growing. Well done, Lewis!
- Holly — Dillon - for showing shown great aspiration in his learning this term. Well done!
- Willow — Matthew has worked incredibly hard this week to self-check his writing and create a fantastic narrative extract of the Jungle Book. Well done Matthew - Keep it up!
- Hazel— George Br - for an excellent attitude to learning and brilliant progress in maths. You are really showing that hard work pays off - well done!
- Hawthorn— Riley- has had an infectious positive attitude this week. His aspiration to try his hardest has shown in some amazing improvements.

Diary Dates

Wed 17.4.19 10am	Clean out and tidy of the playground equipment - if you are free and would like to help, you are very welcome
Tuesday 23.4.19	First day of the summer term
Wed 24.4.19	Deadline for signing up to clubs for the summer term
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

KINDNESS

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION