



ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Spring Newsletter #4
26th January 2024

75th January 2024 – not a typo. I learnt this new phrase from Mrs Maddex this week which sums up how January can feel at times. I hope you're all staying well. The day light hours are lengthening each day and by the time we come back after half term it will almost feel like summer again.

If you need any support there are various resources on our website under 'Parents' – 'Useful Resources for Parents' and at the bottom of this you can find some links to help with costs.

Healthy Snacks

We are noticing an increase in the number of children who are bringing an unhealthy snack to school each day. The BBC has a useful website which provides a very quick reference point and is worth a look: [Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

We will be looking at healthy versus unhealthy snacks in Monday's assembly with the focus being on how we can help children understand what their bodies need and how they can take ownership of this themselves e.g. by looking out for foods with green and yellow labels rather than orange or red, and by realising that fresh is always better than packaged because the latter are processed to make them cheaper and last longer on a warm shelf.

Tesco Blue Tokens

HELP US WIN £1500 FOR ST MARGARET'S!! We have been nominated by Tesco to be shortlisted in their blue token scheme! If we manage to get the most tokens between all the below stores, we can receive a grant of £1500 towards our continuing school library project!!

Next time you are in any of the local Tesco PLEASE get as many blue tokens as is allowed and put them into the token box!! and tell all your friends and family to do the same!!!

Boxes will be at stores in: Barton Torquay, Torquay Fleet Street, Torquay Express (garage on Teignmouth Road), Paignton Victoria, Paignton Torquay Road, Torquay Lymington Road, Brixham Express and Torquay Babbacombe Road.



Dunboyne Diversity Competition

The deadline is 6th March and we really hope your child will get involved. All those who take part earn a point towards their house and a nice certificate while the winners will be off to Dunboyne Court to share their projects there and enjoy a game of Beetle Drive and snack with the residents.

Amazon Book Wish List

If you would like to gift a book to the school, please follow the link to our Amazon Book Wish List. Thank you so much.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl_share

Parent Tours

If you would like a tour of the school and get a sneak peak of your child in action, there are still places on this tour. Just contact the office to sign up.

Train to be a Teacher - Locally

Would you like to train to be a teacher and do so locally? Or do you know someone who would like to? To find out more please visit www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk or email Nicky or Abby via info@swiftteachertraining.org.uk. You can also read more detail on [our website](#) under 'Useful Resources for Parents'.

Sponsored Read- Thank you

Thank you for helping with the sponsored read. This week we had a big delivery of more books. Here's Mrs Madej getting stuck in.



Use our Library

Come in and use our wonderful library!

We are opening it for you to use with your child as nice calm shared reading place after school from 3.15 – 4.00pm. It's a wonderful resource thanks to our PTA.

This half term:

- Wednesdays for Year 1 and siblings
- Thursdays for Year 2 and siblings



Enjoy the warmer brighter, weekend.

A handwritten signature in cursive script.

Tim Hughes



Diary Dates

Date	Event
29th January 2024	Year 5 Space Dome
1st February 2024	Skern Lodge Meeting Y6- 3.15-4pm in Hawthorn class
6th February 2024	Parent Tour 9.30-10.30 (Please contact the office to book a space)
8th February 2024	Non-Uniform day- Donations for Children with Cancer UK
8th February 2024	PTA Valentines Disco
W/C 12th February 2024	February Half Term
5th March 2024	Year 5 Climbing and Orienteering @ Parkfield/Whitehill
12th March 2024	Year 5 Climbing and Orienteering @ Parkfield/Whitehill
26th March-28th March 2024	Year 6 Skern Lodge
26th March 2024	Non-uniform day - Easter egg donation
26th March 2024	PTA Easter Bingo
29 th March – 14 th April 2024	Easter Holidays



Beech	Lola is our star of the week this week and could be every week. She works hard every day and presents her work beautifully. She shows respect to everyone she meets and is always a responsible member of Beech Class. Thank you, Lola.
Pine	Ethan is our star this week. He is always kind, helpful and respectful. We have recently seen him pushing himself more and more, trying trickier questions and challenges. Well done Ethan!
Oak	Our star this week is Millie as she always shows kindness to others and is a great friend. Millie quietly goes about the day helping others and puts great effort into her learning. Well done Millie, you are a star!
Apple	Our star this week has really impressed us with her ever improving confidence during our learning input. She is putting her hand up more and she is sharing more of her ideas. She is also such a gentle person and is kind to others. Well done Natalia!
Holly	Our star of the week is Jack. He has not only been showing great effort in class, but has also been a good friend in the playground. He's shown responsibility and kindness by making sensible choices to help others. Well done, Jack
Willow	Minnie is the star of week in Willow class. She has been working very hard on all of her learning. She has been working with concentration and determination to complete tasks independently. Well done Minnie for showing our values of responsibility and aspiration.
Cherry	Our star of the week is Jake who shows kindness towards his classmates, and has a great attitude towards his learning. He always tries without complaining, and doesn't give up when things get a bit tricky. Well done Jake!
Hazel	Rory is our star of the week for his perseverance with his writing and never giving up. This meant that he produced a lovely final write. Well done Rory!
Birch	Marialey is our star this week for her consistent positive attitude, her aspiration in all of her work and her model behaviour in the class. Marialey is such a joy to teach and we are so lucky to have her in our class. Well done, Marialey - well deserved!
Rowan	This week's star always tries her absolute best to follow the school values. She is incredibly kind and helpful in class as well as showing such aspiration in her maths learning recently. Keep up the incredible work Amelia!
Maple	Our star of the week goes to Liam for his kindness. Liam is always looking out for others and making them smile. He is a pleasure to have in Maple class. Well done Liam!
Hawthorn	Acai is our Star of the Week for her aspiration. She has been working hard on focusing in lessons and presenting her written work neatly and has shown good perseverance in maths when tackling tricky problems. Well done Acai - keep this up!