



## Autumn Term Newsletter No.3

On Thursday Ofsted came in to inspect our school. There will now be around three weeks before their report is written and published and we have to wait before we can share their findings with you. The staff would like to thank all the parents who completed the Parent View survey as your opinions matter to us—we all work hard to make the school a great place for the children and it's lovely to know that is appreciated—but we also know there are always things we can improve. The children were their usual amazing selves and a credit to you and us!

Life in school has carried on as usual despite having inspectors in. Year 5 went off to the beach on Tuesday to find out more about erosion—how lucky are we to be able to study this first hand! Y6 headed off there this afternoon to explore the shoreline for themselves.

Our Reception children have been staying for their lunch and taking this in their stride. They stayed for their first full day today and had the excitement of having their photograph taken by the Herald Express for their special supplement which will be published soon!



The Scholastic Book Fair is back on Wednesday next week for five days. The children will have an opportunity to look at the books throughout the days with their class teachers and the Book Fair will open at 3:05pm for them to buy books. Scholastic give the school free books for our library at the end of the fair based on the number of

books bought over the week.

The children love reading and we suspect some of our library books may be languishing in your homes—if you do find any can you please return them as our shelves are looking quite bare! If you have any good quality books that your child has outgrown we would be happy to accept them as a donation for the school library too. Thank you.

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



Beech — Heidi tries her hardest in everything she does; always listening and really keen to learn!

Pine — Ellie D and Ellie H both deserve to be Star of the Week for challenging themselves with learning.

Apple — Jesse has a "give 100%" attitude to all aspects of school life!

Oak — Vaughn is always respectful, responsible and aspirational. An aspirational learner!

Birch — Harriet has settled really well into her new class—we are so happy you are part of our school!

Rowan — Grace is incredibly kind and has a wonderful work ethic!

Cherry — Matthew listens respectfully, makes great challenges to others' views and is a super learner!

Maple — Anusha has not given up in maths this week; she can now round to 10, 100 and 1000.

Holly — Layton has tried really hard and challenged himself in his learning this week.

Willow — Zoe is an excellent learning partner with whoever she works with.

Hawthorn — Jack is a wonderful role model with his respectful and aspirational attitude.

Hazel — Heidi shows enthusiasm for absolutely everything she is learning! A great start to Y6!

### Diary Date Reminders:

- Scholastic Books Fair arrives next week
- PTA selling panto tickets from 3:05pm next week

Monday 25th September—Cherry Class swimming  
Thursday 28th September—PTA cake sale in the school hall from 3:05pm (entrance and exit through the hall side door due to the Book Fair in the main corridor)  
Monday 16th October—Harvest Festival  
Thursday 30th November—Y1 and Y2 Nativity (Princess Theatre 2pm performance)



Attendance Award  
Congratulations to  
Beech, Apple and Maple Class  
for winning the School  
Attendance Award with  
99.3% attendance.

The whole school achieved 97% attendance !  
Let's keep this up all year!

A message from the admin team.....

Dear Parent

**Have you logged onto the eSchools platform with our school? If not, please click on this link**

[www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk](http://www.stmargaretstorbay.org.uk) and click on the green login button at the top of the screen.

You will need your user name and password to do this. Commonly your User Name will be your first name.surname. If you are having password problems please call into the office. We will be more than happy to help you get started.

Features available - When you are logged in you will have access to the following:

- Attendance: View your child's attendance for the current academic year.
- Letters home: You will have access to all current and previous letters sent through the eSchools platform.
- Calendar: Keep updated on all school events and events related to your child.
- Classes: View your child's class page to keep up to date with what's going on in class.

The cog icon in the top right corner will enable you to change your password and even choose your own background theme! Please visit this section to check your contact details are correct.

ESchools provides our school with various ways to communicate with parents including email, text messages, and a new mobile app. **We also want to encourage you to download the app, as messages sent to this will reduce the school's costs.**

Search 'eSchools' to find the free app in either the Apple App Store (iPhone) or Google Play (Android) and use your login details. In order to display alerts from the app on your lock screen please make sure you allow notifications. If you have any questions, please check the FAQ's section before contacting the school. The FAQ's section can be found at [www.eschools.co.uk/parent-letter](http://www.eschools.co.uk/parent-letter) alongside a number of helpful videos. We hope you will enjoy using the platform, and that you find it an effective way of receiving communication and updates from our school. Please continue to check our website regularly for newsletters, club updates and new photos.

Website address: [stmargaretstorbay.org.uk](http://stmargaretstorbay.org.uk)

School Name (for app): [st-margarets.eschools.co.uk](http://st-margarets.eschools.co.uk)

**Please note: we no longer use SchoolComms for communicating to/from parents**

Thank you.

### PTA News

The PTA are selling pantomime tickets for Aladdin at the Princess Theatre this Christmas

- Tickets go on sale on the 25th September until the 29th, every day after school by the office
- Tickets are priced at £10 each per ticket
- Dates available are Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd of December both days at 2pm
- Friends and family can also purchase tickets



First PTA Cake Sale of the year!

This will be on 28th September from 3:05pm in the school hall

If Foundation Stage and KS1 could bring cakes for the sale to the office in the morning that would be great! If any KS2 would like to donate cakes too that would be even better! Thank you!



*Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.*