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## Autumn Term Newsletter No. 6

Monday's Harvest festival was a great success thanks to your generosity. Nigel came in from Anode and talked about the work the charity does supporting people in times of need. He was very grateful for your donations and they will be much appreciated by families in the Bay; it was staggering to hear they had given out 144,000 meals over the last year.

Don't forget it's the last chance to sign up for Parents Meetings today. The meetings take place next week for Y1 to Y6. Please sign the sheets by the office after 3:05pm to book a slot with your child's class teacher.

Year 6 parents—the deadline is looming for applying for a Secondary School. All applications must be completed by 31st October or they will be considered as late and your child will not be allocated a place in a school until all other applications have been processed. If you are not sure how to apply for a place please call our office staff to ask.

Our THRIVE bus is back from its summer makeover. We will explain more about this in next week's newsletter and take some photos so you can see how amazing it looks now.

# This Week's Star Pupils:



Beech — Poppy Lou Fieldhouse

Pine — Lisa Bloomfield

Apple— Felix Bean

Oak- Olivia-Mae Franke

Birch— Marlena Prochon

Rowan — Charlie Pemberton

Cherry— Brooke McKenna

Maple — Zoe Hancox

Holly— Rose Hewitt

Willow — Anne-Marie Gregory

Hawthorn — Omar Nasary

Hazel — Lily Richardson

### Diary Date Reminders:

Saturday 15th October - Ski club begins (10:00—11:30am)

Week Beginning Monday 17th October—Parents meeting week

Monday 24th October—Half term

Monday 31st October—first day back for the children



#### Attendance Award

Congratulations to Beech Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 98.7% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95.6% attendance overall which is just below our 96% target.



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see photographs and updates about school life.

https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ



Congratulations to Mr Mayling and his family. They have just welcomed a baby boy to their family and we wish them all well! Mr Mayling will return from paternity leave after the half term holiday, probably slight bleary eyed from lack of sleep with a newborn in the house!

Family ponder... Why do some people enjoy scaring others? (Birch Class)

#### Y2 Maths Workshops for Parents

We know that the way we teach maths now is very different from when many adults were in school so we are putting on maths workshops throughout the year to try and help you understand how your child will be learning to add, subtract, multiply and divide as they move through the school. On Wednesday Y2 welcomed many parents into the Woodland Studio to experience for themselves (with the help of their children) how to use the equipment and methods the children use every day.

The feedback from this workshop was very positive and Y2 will be running another one in a month's time. Please watch out for your child's class offering support for mathematics as, if we can strengthen the links between home and school for maths, then the children will really benefit as they will be given consistent messages about maths.









Thank you all for attending!

#### Rotary Shoebox Scheme

There will be an assembly on Monday to explain to the children about the appeal. Boxes will go on sale next week from Mrs Turner in the K51 block or from the office. We will send a letter out explaining about the scheme but if you would like to find out more please have a look on their website for ideas: http://www.rotaryshoebox.org/

You can even decorate the boxes as long as you leave the information section clear so they know who the box is intended for!







#### PTA News

There was a very positive buzz in the room this morning at the PTA meeting. You now have a new Chair – Sarah Roadnight, Co-Chair – Lisa Regent, Secretary- Narnia Ward, Treasurer- Emma McKenna, Co-Treasurer – Maxine Priest. Many thanks to all the other parents who attended the meeting this morning. Also, thanks to Emma, Jo and Gemma for taking on Committee roles last year, we appreciate all you did for the children, families and school.

The PTA FB page will be available for parents to make suggestions about fundraising ideas and for the PTA to post information regarding coming events and meetings.. The first even they hope to hold will be a Film night on Monday 31st October straight after school until 5pm. Please watch out for the letter coming home next week as reply slips will need to be returned by Friday 21st October.

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