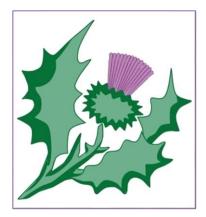
Summer Newsletter #8

24th June 2022

St Margaret's Academy

Dear Parents,

It has been a very entertaining week in school with Sports Days, the Windrush performance, musical workshops and friends from Dunboyne in school judging the entries for the geography homework competition. Do please follow our Facebook page as we're trying to make better use of it to keep you in the loop and up to speed with as much as possible: <u>https://www.facebook.com/people/St-Margarets-</u> <u>Academy/100076186211032/?notif_id=164</u>



St Margaret's Close

St Margaret's Close is a private road with no access at all for vehicles. It is a pedestrian right-of-way only. Please do respect this. Thank you for your support.

Summer Fair Fast Approaching – Saturday 9th July

On Wednesday evening this week, our PTA met for further planning for the Summer Fair. They have created a sign-up sheet for helpers. Unfortunately, there has not been much interest in helping out so far and it's only a very small group doing a lot of work. If you can spare a little bit of time to help, it would be hugely appreciated. The Summer Fair is a big money earner and it all goes to helping enrich your child's time at school such as this week's Windrush show. Most of the sign-up events are just 90 minutes long. Thank you.

https://volunteersignup.org/3YPC4

Your child will be bringing home a book of raffle tickets for the summer fayre. Take a look on Facebook to see some of the fantastic prizes up for grabs including a family holiday to Lady's Mile Holiday Park. The cost is £1 per ticket or £5 for the book. Please ensure that **all** stubs are filled in correctly with your contact details so we are able to get in touch should you win a prize. Please keep the tickets and return the stubs and money to the school office by the 1st July. Additional booklets are available from the school office and if you do not wish to purchase any tickets, please return them unused to the school. The raffle will be drawn at the Summer Fayre on Saturday 9th July at 1.45pm. Should you have any questions please contact the PTA via Facebook or the school office.



Tuesday 28th June Parent Coffee Afternoon (Y5-Y6) 2.15pm

Friday 1st July Mufti- Donate a bottle of something for the PTA fayre

Saturday 9th July Summer Fayre 11am-2pm

> 11-15th July Reports to Parents

Wednesday 13th July

Year 6 Show 2pm & 6pm

Thursday 14th July Year 6 Show 6pm

Thursday 21st July M&M production for (Y3-Y6)

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Celebrating Diversity

Given that Torbay is not reflective of the UK as a whole, celebrating diversity is an important aspect of our work in school, helping us to prepare the children to live in a more harmonious connected world. This was the driver behind our Windrush Day. Many thanks to the PTA who funded the performance by Nev and Hayley from Torbay Multicultural Society. Look in our <u>SMSC Blog</u> – *Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural* - for lots of photos and more information.

Other Curriculum News

Have a look in the <u>Religion Blog</u> this week to see how Year 1 have been learning how Jews show their love of God with special sweet Challah bread making for Shabbat.

Our orchard is such a wonderful feature of the school. Every day the children love to play in there. There's den building going on, gardening, caring for the chickens, playing on the new slide, wet area fun and more recently potion making introduced by Mrs Baker. The smells and colours are stunning. Have a look in our <u>PSHE</u> <u>Blog</u>.

Parent Coffee Afternoon

If you have a child in Year 3 or Year 4 and you weren't able to make Wednesday's Parent Coffee Afternoon, you are welcome to attend the Year 5 and Year 6 chat which is on Tuesday 28th in the hall at 2.15pm. There is coffee, tea, cake and a chance to chat with myself and Mrs Pike. We will tell you about what's happened this year, some of our plans for next year and hear your views to help ensure we work together as best as possible.

Reminder - Support and Ideas for Families

If you are looking for some top tips to help at home, Mrs Pike has found this fantastic website which is really worth a look: <u>https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/</u>

If you're looking for some help during these times of rising costs and pressures, here's another great place to look: <u>https://www.punkagainstpoverty.org/</u>

If you're looking for free summer holiday activities, here's a great place: <u>https://www.playtorbay.org.uk/summer-events</u>

This next one has a cost attached to it but if you have a creative, musically-minded child, you might be interested in this summer holiday digital music club – Ocean Academy: Summer Holiday Boot Camp.

- 3-day Summer Holiday Boot Camp
- Winner St Studios, Paignton
- 2-4th Aug for 9-12 year olds / 9-11th Aug for 12-15 year olds
- Learn DJing, podcasting, music production, filmmaking and photography
- Produce your own songs, create music videos or get stuck into the world of radio broadcasting
- **T:** <u>01803 431220</u>

E: <u>ellen@soundcommunities.co.uk</u>

W: <u>www.soundcommunities.co.uk</u>

Reminder: Free yoga on Torre Abbey Meadow every Sunday 9.30-10.30am right through until 11th September.

Enjoy your weekend.

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Tim Hughes (Headteacher)

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