

Autumn Term Newsletter No.4 (4.10.19)

In recognition of National Poetry Day, Miss Pritchard and Miss Palfrey launched this week with a poetry assembly and many teachers shared their favourite poem. Throughout the week, children learnt their favourite poem which they performed at this afternoon's Poetry Slam.

As I've mentioned before, St Margaret's is at the forefront of work on attachment and nurture. Mrs Pike has presented to Torbay schools on our work to help develop their practice. Oxford University has been using our work for their research and have written us a [thank you](#) which you can find on our website. I've recently been doing parent tours for next year's new Reception and you can see the impact of our work in class. In support of this, next Thursday 10.10.19 we are asking everyone to wear yellow to recognise *World Mental Health Day*. Have a look under the *Well-being in Action* tab on our website to find out more about [5-a-day tips](#) for mental health: be active, help others, be mindful, keep learning *and* connect with others. We will be thinking how to keep our minds healthy all week next week.

Thank you to our school governors who met on Wednesday evening this week. They took part in safeguarding training and had a walk round school to look at how our classroom learning environments are helping children to learn. They looked at the end of year academy reports to help ensure we continue to be a going concern and we planned out the work they will be doing over the year ahead to help us keep moving forward. Each governor has attached themselves to a key school improvement area and will come in to challenge and support school leaders. I'd like to say a massive thanks to our school Business Manager, Karen Colmer, who has put in hours of extra work preparing statutory documents and reports.

I hope you enjoyed the book fair. Many thanks to Miss Palfrey and her team of helpers for organising and running this. Have a look at Year 1 enjoying the fair on our [Reading Blog](#).

As we move towards the Platinum Sports Award, check out our [Sports Blog](#) to see Year 1 on National Fitness Day.

If you fancy a [Maths challenge](#) for the weekend, have a look under our Maths Blog. Miss Wooldridge has added two weekend puzzles for KS2 children. See if you can do them and return answers to Miss Wooldridge by Tuesday next week.

The PTA's next meeting is on Tuesday 15th October at 7.00pm in The Prince of Orange. All are very welcome to attend. Between June and September, our amazing PTA raised £3114.81 over 10 events. Check out [their poster](#) on the website to see more detail. Look out for their pumpkin event on Wednesday 30th October when our field will be covered with a fresh crop of pumpkins after school and you can pick one and carve it. There will also be a pop-up shop at this event. After that, it's the build-up to the Christmas Fair on 13th December. During November, raffle tickets will be sold after school for a special Smiggle Advent Calendar (£28 to buy new, with the contents worth £50). Plus there will be four smaller prizes. For the adults, you can buy raffle tickets for Gin Advent Calendar (£50 to buy new) plus two other small prizes.

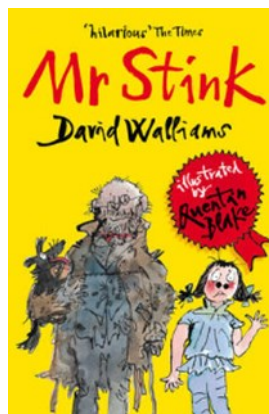
Enjoy your weekend.

Miss Palfrey and the Reading Ambassadors' Weekly Book Choices

Plastic sucks! You can make a difference



Mr Stink by David Walliams
(An all-time favourite for one of our Reading Ambassadors!)



Weekly Attendance Award

Congratulations to
Oak Class
for winning the School
Attendance Award with
100% attendance.

School target: 96%
The whole school achieved
94.9% last week



Stars of the Week Ending 4.10.19

Beech	Shayla is a fantastic role model. She works so hard in all of her work and is a pleasure to teach.
Pine	Isla- for listening to our class stories so well and for understanding and making predictions about the book.
Oak	Jake - for always following the school core values and being a great role model to his friends.
Apple	Miley - for trying hard in all that she does, making the most of every opportunity.
Birch	Maya - For embracing poetry week and even writing her own poem to share with the class. Well done!
Rowan	Ella - for always contributing in class and for a fantastic work ethic which sets an example to others!
Cherry	Tamsin for being aspirational and writing a super set of instructions! Great effort. Well done!
Maple	Sophia - For having a fantastic attitude to learning and going above and beyond and producing the most amazing homework!
Willow	Poppy - This week, Poppy has produced some fantastic writing and art work, taking real care in both subjects. She is also a kind and responsible member of our class. Keep it up!
Holly	Ellie - For always upholding our school values but in particular, she always demonstrates aspiration in her learning. Ellie always works hard to include flare and style in her writing. Well done!
Hazel	Liam has an aspirational attitude to learning and inspires others with his participation, effort and explanations. He has impressed so many adults this week with the maturity of his understanding and is a joy to teach!
Hawthorn	Kiera- for a superb attitude towards her learning. She works brilliantly with her partners and shares fantastic ideas in class.

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Stars of the Week Ending 27.9.19

Beech	Giovanna has had a fabulous start to Year! She is kind and caring to everyone in the class and has worked so hard on all her jobs this week! Super star!
Pine	Archie for his fabulous dedication toward maths, he is always eager to complete more work and has his hand up to answer questions constantly!
Oak	Amy - for showing responsibility and aspiration in her learning and for trying her best when writing instructions.
Apple	Lokklyn - for trying so hard with his written work and being aspirational in all he does. Well done!
Birch	Stephanie - For going above and beyond with your homework! Keep up the brilliant home learning.
Rowan	Heidi - for being an excellent role model with her excellent sitting, listening and looking towards the front
Cherry	Bali has shown determination and aspiration in many areas of his learning this week, including going above and beyond with his home learning tasks! Amazing! Well done Bali!
Maple	TJ- for showing fantastic effort in all lessons and aspiring to do his very best. Well done!
Willow	Lola-Grace has approached her geography learning with a high-level of aspiration.
Holly	Jacob has produced a superb piece of writing this week. He has shown great aspiration. Well done.
Hazel	Lois has shown excellent effort with participation and is striving to do her absolute best in very lesson: you are a delight to teach!
Hawthorn	Laila for her consistently fantastic effort, which has been reflected in her exemplary work!

Diary Dates

Thur 10.10.19	Wear yellow for World Mental Health Day
Mon 14.10.19	Harvest Festival—any donations on this day much appreciated (more info to follow)
Tue 15.10.19	PTA AGM and meeting 7.00pm at the Prince of Orange
Wk beg 4.11.19	Parents Evenings this week—sign-up times coming out very soon
Wed 30.10.19	PTA pick and carve a pumpkin—on the field after school
Mon 11.11.19	Cyber Safety workshop for parents 3.10—4.10pm (please let the office know if you would like to book a place)
Fri 13.12.19	Christmas school dinner day—yum! PTA Christmas fair after school
Tue 17.12.19 6.00pm	KS2 Carol Concert at Upton Vale Baptist Church

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