

# St Margarets Academy

**Hands-Face-Space- FRESH AIR-Act as if you've got it**

Dear Parents,

## Reading for Pleasure

Have a look in the Reading Blog to see Mrs Turner's [Reading for Pleasure Advent Calendar](#).

If you enjoy reading Harry Potter to your children, why not try some other books that are similar but by a different author:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/books-for-fans-of-harry-potter>

## Covid Update

Unfortunately it has been another week of illness in school, for children and staff which continues to put a significant strain on our staffing cover and provision. We have about 30% of our staff absent (covid and non-covid) which is the average for all the schools in Torbay currently. It's a tough time for schools.

We currently have no cases in children in Reception and Year 3. There are 3 cases in Year 2, 3 in Year 5 and 1 in Year 6. We have had an outbreak in Year 4 (more so in Cherry) and in Year 1 (more so in Beech).

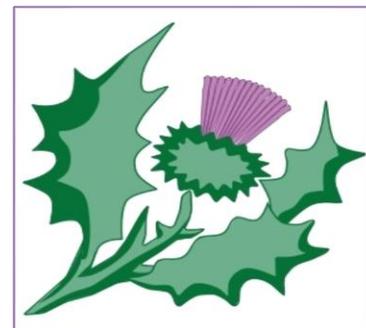
We are working closely with Public Health and the Local Authority to manage and contain any further transmission while doing our best to maintain education provision. Public Health tell us that our number of cases in school is relatively small compared to other schools in Torbay and nationally. The Local Authority is keen for all children to be educated in school, rather than remote learning so we are trying to make this happen while trying to keep staff and children protected.

## Winterfest in St Marychurch

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December, there is a Christmas festival being held in the precinct in St Marychurch from 12.00-4.00pm with a special visitor arriving from the North Pole at 2.30pm and the Christmas lights turning on at 4.00pm

## Staying Safe On-line

Just a reminder that you can find useful help in our 'Online Safety Information for Parents (Nov 2021)' under 'Information for Parents' – 'E-



## Upcoming Events

### December 9th

Christmas Lunch (**don't forget to wear your Christmas Jumper**) - Please book via the school gateway

### December 17th

Last day before Christmas Break

### January 5<sup>th</sup>

Start of Spring Term



**This week's  
class attendance star  
goes  
to  
Oak Class with  
97.6%**

safety', [quick link here](#). All the below features are included in this one document but can also be found individually:

**Sharing Information, Pictures and Videos** – found in the newsletter, dated 12.11.21

**Watching Videos** – found in the newsletter, dated 5.11.21

**Chatting, Being Kind and Making Friends Online** - found in the newsletter, dated 22.10.21

**On-line Gaming** – found in the newsletter, dated 15.10.21

**Super Helpful Good Parenting Website**

Check out this really useful website: <https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

Happy reading and stay safe everybody,



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Beech	Thomas is such a kind, helpful and thoughtful member of our class. He is a great friend to everyone. Thomas has been trying really hard to improve his writing and wrote a lovely list for Santa this week. Well done Thomas.
Pine	Lexy has been a super learner this week, always the first to put her hand up. A great aspirational attitude! Well done Lexy
Oak	Kaiden for meeting every challenge with a smile on his face and a positive attitude. Thank you for being so adaptable this week.
Apple	Ethan has been amazing over the recent weeks. He has really tried to listen and worked well in all lessons. I am especially pleased with his advent reading challenge, he was the first in the school to complete it! Well done Ethan
Birch	Dylan - for consistently looking, listening and sitting perfectly. You are a pleasure to teach Dylan and we are so proud of the progress you are making in all subjects.
Rowan	Molly for showing kindness every day. I always hear Molly encouraging other children and helping them believe in themselves when they are finding things tricky
Cherry	The whole class for continuing to work hard this week despite the exceptional circumstances you have faced!
Hazel	The whole class for continuing to work hard this week despite the exceptional circumstances you have faced!
Willow	Our star in Willow is for Stephanie Young. This week she has shown all of the values, but has particularly impressed us with her aspiration in Maths and Writing. Keep it up, Stephanie!
Holly	Aiden-Lee has really impressed us with his improved effort in class recently. He's putting more effort into his handwriting and he concentrated so hard on his sewing, that it was brilliant too! Keep it up Aiden!
Maple	Isabelle for showing the school values of responsibility and respect. She has grown in confidence with putting her hand up, always taking responsibility for her own learning. She is constantly kind to her peers and always willing to help - keep up the hard work Isabelle!
Hawthorn	Lacey Redhead for taking responsibility for your learning. You are a great member of Hawthorn class! Keep up the good work.