



Spring Term Newsletter No.9

No week is ever the same when you work in a school and the children continue to amaze us with what they say and what they do! The Y6 children have been off to Skern Lodge for a week's residential and there are many photos on our Twitter feed for you to see how they have challenged themselves. You don't need to have a Twitter account—just click the @stmargaretstq link above to see the photos or look on the home page of our website.

The Y6 children who stayed for activities week have also had new challenges and experiences whilst out in the local area enjoying the beach and the local amenities.

Y3 and Y4 have been working hard through the week to organise their Fairtrade Café to end their topic on Fairtrade. They bought Fairtrade ingredients, made brownies and muffins and some home-made lemonade. Their families were invited to join them in the café at the end of school on Friday. There was a great turnout for this event! Thank you for supporting the children so well.

Thank you also to all the families who attended the phonic workshop on Friday morning with Mrs Essam. Don't forget that there are still two repeat sessions on Tuesday 14th March at 3:05pm or at 5:00pm. If you would like to find out more about supporting your child with phonics and early reading and writing please call in to the school and let us know.

If you have volunteered to read in school, we will be in touch with you soon.

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



Ash— Eloise has taken responsibility for her own learning and tries the class challenges.

Ruby R is always keen to learn new things and shown a great knowledge of the Titanic!

Elm— George has worked hard to show respect to his friends, his classroom and his teachers.

Larissa tried hard with everything and has a lovely, bright smile to cheer our day!

Beech — Zain has worked hard to improve his behaviour and learning choices.

Pine — Harriet has been brave and learned to take out her own earrings ready for PE.

Apple — Vinnie shows a positive attitude and is aspirational in his learning. Well done!

Oak — Donney has fantastic rhythm and enthusiasm when singing the class register song!

Birch — Kristen has settled in brilliantly and has a positive learning attitude, especially in maths!

Rowan — Keira shows excellent aspiration in her learning and challenges herself.

Cherry — Harry has shown a great attitude towards his work and contributed well in class.

Maple — Alfie C has shown excellent teamwork skills, especially during the cooking this week!

Holly — Kye has shown great creativity in his home learning and has improved his writing.

Willow — Jack G has joined in more and is developing more confidence in maths,

Hawthorn — Lottie has got involved cheerfully in everything through activities week!

Hazel — Leon has shown consideration for others and is helpful and reliable.

Diary Date Reminders:

Tuesday 14th March—Y6 SATS meeting for parents
3:05pm in Hazel Class

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th March—Book Fair
from 3:05pm

Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March—Jack's
Zoo in school (Permission slips required for this event)

Wednesday 15th—PTA Bag2School collection. Please
drop bags back first thing in the morning.

Attendance Award



Congratulations to Pine Class
for winning the
School Attendance Award
with 98.4% attendance.

The whole school achieved 96.4%
attendance overall which beats our
target. Well done!

Red Nose Day—Friday 24th March

We will be joining in the fun of Comic Relief and raising money through a non-uniform day. Wear as much red as you like, or have crazy hair, or wear a red nose—or do all three! (No face paints please) All donations welcome! We will be selling red noses in school from Monday 13th March.



Book Fair

The children have enjoyed browsing the books at the Book Fair this week. It will be here until Tuesday so please do drop in after school to have a look at the books. We also have an author coming in to school soon to lead an assembly—there is a letter about this coming home too.

Leadership in Running Course

England Athletics in collaboration with Active Devon and Torquay United are looking into setting up a Leadership in Running course. It is a one day Leadership Training course which qualifies and insures to deliver safe and fun running sessions suitable for Running Club Leaders and other Group Leaders. The course will be held in Exeter, either on 22nd or 23rd April. Mr Mayling our PE Teacher has already signed up on the course to enable him to set up a School Gates Running Club and they are looking for other teachers from our school and runners from the local community that would want to qualify too. They need to fill the course in order for it to be delivered and the minimum number is 12. If you are interested in this qualification, please see Mr Mayling in school.

Bikeability Holiday Courses

Torbay Council are once again be running their hugely popular cycling courses in the Easter Holidays at Torbay Velopark. These range from Learn to Ride to Bikeability Level 2. There are courses for age 6 upwards. They fill quickly so please book early. Course information is available from twowheelstuition@yahoo.co.uk

Grandparent Gardening Week

From March 27th to 31st some classes will be inviting grandparents in to kick start our kitchen garden again. The orchard is in need of some TLC as are some of the flowerbeds around the school. If you are able to donate any seeds or plants we will be very grateful for them.

Leave of Absence Requests

All requests to take children out of school during term time for holiday purposes will be refused unless there are proven exceptional circumstances. We do empathise with parents wanting to take term-time leave for their children, however, it is government policy not to support such requests. There is as yet no change to legislation despite the recent high profile court cases. Unauthorised absences are reported to the Local Authority and fines may be issued.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.