



## ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Spring Newsletter #2  
12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

We started this week with our assembly looking at *resilience* which is a behaviour we are helping children to develop this term. If you're interested in looking further into this with your child, I highly recommend watching the following short video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zeu9X88g8DE>

You should by now have received various information about the curriculum for the spring term. As part of this [Year 1](#) invited parents in to meet the teaching team and enjoy some water colour painting with their children. You can see some pictures in the Arts Blog.

### Peer Support Champion Needed

Family Hub Torbay is looking for a parent who will be Peer Support Champion for families of children who have additional needs. If you think you might be interested, please contact Anna Messer, the Practice Team Lead for SEND on 07872 502957.

### Latest Forest School News

Have a look in the Forest School Blog to find out how [Year 2 Apple](#) and [Year 2 Oak](#) enjoyed their muddy dinners, potions and reflected on the sad news of our final apple tree falling in the storm. Some beautiful photos as usual. Big thanks to Mrs Posey and Mrs Baker.

### Amazon Book Wish List

If you would like to gift a book to the school please follow the link to our Amazon Book Wish List. Thank you so much.

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl_share)

### Thank You from Children in Need

We raised £314. Thank you.



### Use our Library

Come in and use our wonderful library!

We are opening it for you to use with your child as nice calm shared reading place after school from 3.15 – 4.00pm. It's a wonderful resource thanks to our PTA.

This half term:

- Wednesdays for Year 1 and siblings
- Thursdays for Year 2 and siblings

## Parent Tours

Throughout the autumn term I ran tours for prospective new parents. This term I am running tours for current parents. This is a great way for you to get a better insight into what's going on in school. I have scheduled the first one for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 9.30am. We'll visit all the classes and it should last about an hour. If it proves popular, I'll run more. Please let the office staff know if you would like to sign up.

## Family Hub Torbay

There are three Family Hubs across Torbay. They are a great place to meet professionals who can support you and your family – like health visitors, maternity services and family support workers. For expectant parents and those with babies and young children, this includes help with parenting, infant feeding and support for parents/carers to manage their own wellbeing.

You can access information on all of the below:

- Health and wellbeing advice for you and your family
- Community support networks
- Activities, classes and things to do across the Bay
- Support for adults including housing and financial advice.

Check out their website for all the information: [Home - Family Hub \(torbayfamilyhub.org.uk\)](http://torbayfamilyhub.org.uk)

All this information is repeated on our website for any future reference. You can find it in under 'Parents' – 'Useful Information for Parents' along with a variety of other resources.

## Train to be a Teacher - Locally

Would you like to train to be a teacher and do so locally? Or do you know someone who would like to? To find out more please visit [www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk](http://www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk) or email Nicky or Abby via [info@swiftteachertraining.org.uk](mailto:info@swiftteachertraining.org.uk). You can also read more detail on [our website](#) under 'Useful Resources for Parents'.

## Thank You from Mrs Turner

"We are very grateful to have already received some books from our Amazon Wish List and also money which we can use to buy additional books from it. Your support as always means such a lot. When we delivered the books to the classes the children were very excited! There really is something special about opening a new book or being able to read the next book in a series as you desperately want to find what happens next to the characters."

"For every book donated we want to put a **bookplate** in the front to say who it was donated by. As Amazon does not always let us know please will you either add the name onto the Amazon order when buying the book or let Mrs Turner/Mrs Madej know which book you have bought so the bookplate can be added and your kindness recognised for years to come; when the book is still being enjoyed. Thank you so much for your continued support; we really do appreciate it."

## Dog Safety

Under 'Useful Information for Parents' you can find an information page, newly produced about [dog safety](#), designed for children and young people.

Happy Weekend!



Tim Hughes  
(Headteacher)



Beech	Finlay G for having a really good go at his writing this week. He has been using his sounds correctly and has impressed us all!
Pine	Ella- Mai for being such a superb kind member of the class. She always helps others and really impressed us when sorting a friendship problem out this week. She also tries super hard with everything that she does. Well done.
Oak	Keegan is our star as he has shown resilience when completing his learning jobs this week. He has also shown patience by waiting all week for his forest school session. Great effort with your learning Keegan. Well done!
Apple	Maddy is our star this week. She has been noticed by several members of staff recently for showing a super attitude to learning and making an extra effort to focus. Well done Maddy, keep it up.
Holly	Our star of the week is Lottie. She's been resilient when not feeling her best and showed fantastic skills and enthusiasm in maths! Bravo, Lottie!
Willow	April is the star of the week in Willow Class. She has shown our school value of responsibility by working very hard on all aspects of her learning. She has been sharing her ideas with the class and using resources in the classroom to support her. Well done April.
Cherry	Elizabeth Catignani for settling so well into Cherry class, and for being enthusiastic about all of her learning. Well done Elizabeth and welcome to St Margaret's!
Hazel	Arabella is our star of the week in Hazel class for your positive attitude to school inside and outside of the classroom. You are so motivated to learn and have been a fantastic friend this week. You should be very proud of yourself.
Birch	Lilli-Mai is our star of the week in Birch class. Lilli-Mai always has a fantastic attitude to her learning and is a perfect role model for our school core values. She is always aspiring to do her best and can always be seen showing great kindness and respect to other members of Birch and staff alike. Well done Lilli-Mai!
Rowan	Esmae has shown such aspiration in her learning this week! She has worked so hard to improve her presentation in her writing book and persevered in maths when finding a new method tricky. We are so proud of all hard work, keep it up!
Maple	Maple's star of the week is Poppy! While she is always a role model for all the core values, this week in particular, Poppy has shown so much respect and kindness to the adults and other children around her. Well done Poppy! Keep it up!
Hawthorn	Izzie has impressed us with the effort she has put into her work this week, which has been beautifully presented using neat handwriting. She has also demonstrated great teamwork in the completion of tasks with her partner or in a group. Well done for showing such aspiration Izzie.



<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
10th January 2024	Dunboyne Writing Competition (revised date from autumn postponement)
11th January 2024	Year 1 Parent Meeting/ Open Class 3.15pm
16th January 2024	Year 4 Climbing/Bushcraft @ Parkfield/Whitehill
23rd January 2024	Year 4 Climbing/Bushcraft @ Parkfield/Whitehill
29th January 2024	Year 5 Space Dome
6th February 2024	Parent Tour 9.30-10.30 (Please contact the office to book a space)
<b>W/C 12th February 2024</b>	<b>February Half Term</b>
5th March 2024	Year 5 Climbing and Orienteering @ Parkfield/Whitehill
12th March 2024	Year 5 Climbing and Orienteering @ Parkfield/Whitehill
26th March-28th March 2024	Year 6 Skern Lodge
29 <sup>th</sup> March – 14 <sup>th</sup> April 2024	Easter Holidays