

ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

14th June 2024

Summer Newsletter #8

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy week here at St Margaret's. We started on Monday with an assembly to launch Healthy Eating Week. Have a look in the DT Blog (quick links below) to see some of the fun and photos from the different year groups. Please remember to send your child to school with a healthy snack: [Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)



Curriculum News

Have a look in the Arts Blog to see [Year 2](#) Apple's drawing skills.

In the DT Blog you can see [Year 3](#) learning about pivots and levers and [Year 3](#) making a couscous salad as part of Healthy Eating Week. You can also see the [Year 2](#) healthy picnic, the [Year 5](#) healthy, crustless quiches and the [Year 1](#) healthy fruit kebabs.

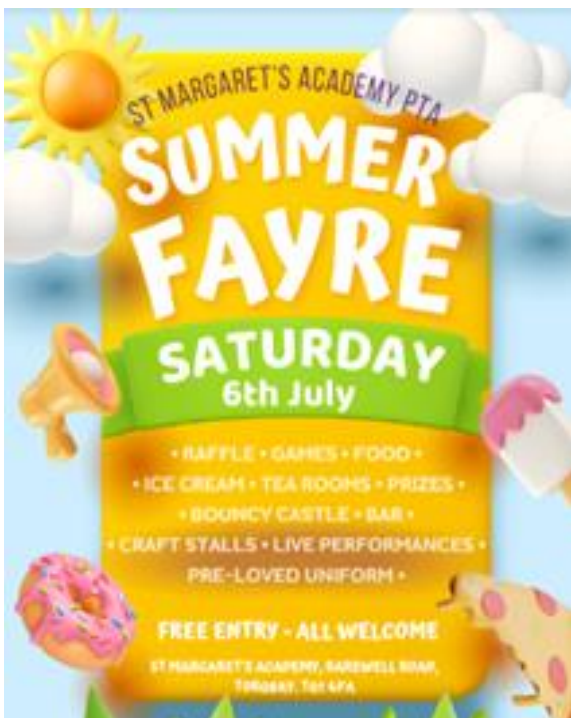
In the Sports Blog, you can see how [Year 4 Hazel](#) enjoyed their tennis lessons at Cary Park and how [Year 3](#) enjoyed their Kwik Cricket.

Last week, thanks to our PTA, children in Reception and Year 3 benefited from Mini First Aid training learning about important aspects such as CPR, choking, bumps, breaks, bleeding and burns.

Thank you, PTA. Find out more on their Facebook page: [\(20+\) Facebook](#)

Hearing Support Event for Parents

On Wednesday Mrs Saunders and the Hearing Support staff put on a [special event](#) for parents, including a super presentation from our eldest deaf child, Anton; who will sadly soon be moving on to secondary school. Read all about this and see some of the photos in the 'Latest News' in the 'Hearing Support Centre' blog under 'About the School'.



Social Media Workshops

Following on from the excellent social media workshops for parents of children in Years 5 and 6, that were held last week. I am really pleased to say we have Sally Squires (one of the lecturers from South Devon College) booked in to run these again. This time we are opening them to all parents. **They really are a must see for any parent. I highly recommend you making some time to attend.** *Please be advised that they are not suitable for your children to attend; they are for adults only. Please also be advised that you might find some of the content distressing.*

Dates and times: Wednesday 19th June at 2.30pm in our Woodland Studio and repeated again at 5.45pm in our school hall. No need to book. Just turn up.

In the meantime, do have a look here for some super valuable information that will really help you: [Understanding children's social media use \(padlet.com\)](https://www.padlet.com)

Help with Rising Cost- Reminders

- Riviera Life Church Food and Baby Bank – [link here](#). We can make a referral for you or phone 07486 402493
- **Household Support Fund** – if you are on a welfare benefit / tax credit or have a disposable income of less than £50 per week:
[Household Support Fund - Torbay Council](#)
- Do you need help with child care? If so, try this website:
<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
- Help for households – very useful government website:
<https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>
- This community kitchen has some very affordable meal options and is well worth a look:
<https://www.turningheads.org.uk/community-kitchen/>
- The PTA has lots of quality school uniform for a small donation – see their FB page
- Martin Lewis:
<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/>
- Free uniform and help with rising costs:
<https://www.punkagainstopoverty.org/>

Try here for cheaper broadband:
<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and->

Recent Reminders

- If you have any spare clothes you are happy to donate in case of accidents in school, please do pass to your child's teacher. Thank you.
- SEND workshops for parents are still available for booking: 2nd July ([Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing](#)), 4th July ([Anger and Challenging Behaviour](#)), 9th July ([Healthy Relationships](#)) and 11th July ([Online Safety and Exploitation](#))
- Remember to apply sun cream and send your child with plenty of water to drink each day
- Free Park Yoga: running from now until September, there are free weekly yoga sessions on Torre Abbey Green at 9.30am every Sunday. Just turn up; no need to book.
- Summer Fayre, Saturday 6th July. The Fayre can only go ahead with the support of parents and teachers: <https://volunteersignup.org/BK9RQ>
- Lilli's Australian adventure: if you would like to help <https://gofund.me/45b9e4d9>
- Our Amazon Book Wish List: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl_share

Enjoy the weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Diary Dates

17th June 2024	KS1 (Year 1-2) Sports Day 9.30-11.30am
17th June 2024	Foundation Stage Sports Day 1.15-3.15pm
18th June 2024	Class Photographs
20th June 2024	KS2 (Year 3-6) Sports Day 9.30-11.30
6th July 2024	PTA Summer Fayre
W/C 8 th July 2024	Reports Home to Parents
9th July 2014	Y4 Water Confidence @ Goodrington
10th July 2024	Y6 Show 2pm & 6pm showing
11th July 2024	Rock Steady performance (time TBC)
11th July 2024	Year 6 Show 6pm
16th July 2024	Y3 Water Confidence @ Goodrington
17th July 2024	Picnic on the field (Current Reception and New Starters) 3.30-4.30
18th July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Disco ? TBC
22nd July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am Leavers BBQ

Beech	Arlo has had an amazing week and shown us all that he can be really responsible. He has worked hard all week and been showing respect to adults. We are all very proud of you! Keep it up Arlo!
Pine	Evelyn is our star in Pine this week. Evelyn has been such a star while she has been in a wheelchair, no complaints, just got on with it, fantastic attitude Evelyn!
Oak	Kitty is the star as she is an incredibly kind and friendly member of Oak class. She has done some great reading with me this week and her effort when learning the 5x table was fab (she even helped others too). Thank you for being a super star Kitty!
Apple	Zane has continued to shine all year and this week is no exception. He is so helpful and is a model learner. Thank you Zane for being an amazing Apple!
Holly	Mila, you could easily be the star of the week every week. You're always showing kindness and respect, ready to learn and contribute to our class. Thank you for being you. Absolute superstar!
Willow	Ossie is the star of the week for the amazing animation he did this week in computing. He created a wonderful short film of someone going up and down a slide. Well done Ossie you worked with such focus and determination to complete the task.
Cherry	Our star this week is Felix. He has shown an improvement in his attitude to learning. He confidently and calmly completed his multiplication check. Well done Felix.
Hazel	Our star of the week is Evelyn! She has been really pushing herself in all aspects of her learning. In particular, she has been incredible in her DT sewing and offering her talents in this area to help others in the class. Well done!
Birch	Our star of the week is Finley C! Finley has had such a positive attitude towards school this week. He has come in every morning with a smile on his face and lots of adults have noticed how much kindness he has shown towards others. Well done Finley, we're very proud of you!
Rowan	Giovanna has blown us away this week with the aspiration she has shown in her learning as well as taking such responsibility for her maths and writing. She has been full of fantastic ideas and has been eager to share them too. Keep up the amazing work and we're so proud of you!
Maple	Our star of the week goes to Toby for showing respect to the adults this week. He has listened well and responded to adult feedback. Toby has also shown aspiration in his writing - he has written a fantastic non-chronological report based on life as an evacuee in World War 2. Keep it up Toby!
Hawthorn	Sophia is our Star of the Week for the tremendous effort she has put into her writing this week. Her report about World War 2 evacuation was very carefully written and presented so neatly. Well done Sophia.