



ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

Spring Newsletter #12
28th March 2024

We started this week with an assembly to mark the final week of the spring term when we recognised various children with special recognition badges to celebrate achievements against our core values of *kindness, respect, responsibility* and *aspiration*.

Free Easter Holiday Activities

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals there are a wide range of free Easter holiday clubs you can book on across the Bay via this link: [Holiday Activity and Food Programme - Torbay Council](#)

Parents Evening

Parents Evening (year R-6) will take place W/C 22nd April.

The booking window is open until Wednesday 17th April at 4.30pm. Please log onto to eschools to book your meeting.



[Login | St Margaret's Academy \(eschools.co.uk\)](#)

Or via the app

Train to be a Teacher- Locally

For further details on the SWIFT Initial Teacher Training, look on our [website](#) under 'Parents' and / or the provider site:

<https://www.swiftteachertraining.org.uk/>

On 5th June, Oldway Primary is holding a classroom experience day for anybody interested in seeing if teaching might for them. Use our website link to book on.

Curriculum News

Have a look in the Maths Blog to see how [Y3 Holly Class](#) used the iPads to explore area and perimeter. They loved this lesson.

Mrs Scaife's Lionesses have been busy recently with two matches in quick succession. After being promoted to the top league, last week they were in scoring action in their [league match](#) and this week they won their latest [cup match](#). Check out the Sports Blog to read the news. Thanks as always to Coach Scaife who goes above and beyond to ensure the girls have these fantastic opportunities to play and to compete.

[Year 2](#) have been loving their Quentin Blake study. Have a look in the Arts Blog to see some of their masterpieces.

In the PSHE Blog you can see calming imagery from this week's breakfast [Easter yoga](#) session.

In the Maths Blog you can see how [Year 2](#) have been using the iPads to better help them explore measurements of length.

Recent Reminders

- Increasing levels of measles, rise in respiratory infections, whooping cough, scarlet fever and chickenpox predicted this term. MMR info can be found on this [link](#). The [e-bug website](#) provides useful resources and ideas for how to help keep your child well.
- If you would like to donate to [Children with Cancer UK](#) in support of Miss Blackburn and Mrs Cosh's marathon fund raiser, you can do so via this [link](#).
- Riviera Life Church Food and Baby Bank – [link here](#). We can make a referral for you or phone 07486 402493
- World Book Day is 7th March – dress as a favourite book character
- Healthy snacks: [Healthier snacks - Food facts - Healthier Families - NHS](#) (www.nhs.uk)
- Pile in the Tesco Blue Tokens at Tesco: Barton Torquay, Torquay Fleet Street, Torquay Express (garage on Teignmouth Road), Paignton Victoria, Paignton Torquay Road, Torquay Lymington Road, Brixham Express and Torquay Babbacombe Road
 - Our Amazon Book Wish List:

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl_share

Help with Rising Cost- Reminders

- **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-billing/social-tariffs>

Wishing everyone a relaxing and peaceful Easter break. See you all for summer term fun starting on Monday 15th April.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Diary Dates

29 th March – 14 th April 2024	Easter Holidays
16th April 2024	Y6 Ridge/Gorge @ River Plym/Dewerstone
W/C 22nd April 2024	Parents Evening
23rd April 2024	Y6 Ridge/Gorge @ River/Dewerstone
26th April 2024	Animal Encounters Year 2 & Year 5
1st May 2024	Bikeability Level 1 course
6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
W/C 13th May 2024	Year 6 SATS Week
21st May 2024	Y5 Kayak @ Goodrington
27th May- 31st May 2024	May Half Term
W/C 10th June 2024	Bikeability level 2 Year 5 & 6
12th June 2024	HSC celebration event 10-12.30
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
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

