

St Margarets Academy

Hands-Face-Space-Fresh Air- Act as if you've got it

Dear Parents,

September and the summer season has come and gone but the sun is still shining at St Margaret's. Look at the big smile and lovely photo of playground chalk art which was done during one of our new lunchtime activities.



Education Standards Trustee Committee

On Wednesday evening trustees met to plan how they will support and challenge our school improvement for the autumn term. They will be attending school for various events during the school day from now onwards until Christmas, finishing with a review of their work to help inform next term's agenda.

Here are some of the areas they will be exploring, which includes understanding your children's views:

- The effectiveness of our safeguarding procedures in practice (all staff have recently completed extensive refresher training)
- The new lunchtime activity offers and how they support transition back to learning in class
- How our new writing scheme ('The Write Stuff') is being taught across Key Stage 2
- How our model of continuous provision looks from Reception to Year 2
- How our support for speech and language is working, especially for our younger pupils

Accelerated Reader and Reading for Pleasure – Information for Parents

At the *Parent Voice* meeting last week, there was a request for parents to know more about Accelerated Reader. Mrs Turner has put together a guide for parents for this and for our Reading for Pleasure project with the Open University. You can find them in our [Reading Blog](#).



Whole School Attendance

95.2%

This week's
class attendance star
goes to

Willow Class

With 98.8%

Well Done!

More Important News

New Reception Children for September 2022

Although it seems a very long way away, this is the time of year that new parents choose their child's first school. Ensuring we have a full school roll is crucial for our funding to ensure we are able to provide the best level of staffing, especially considering this year's low birth rate. I am running small group tours of the school (dates on the banner of the school website). If you know of anyone who might be interested, please do help us by directing them to the website or the school office. Thank you.

Year 5 Cricket Festival

Have a look in the [Sports Blog](#) to see how Year 5 got on at the cricket festival last week.

PTA Amazon Smile

- You can also find this [Amazon Smile School Fund Raiser](#) infographic on the PTA page of the school website:



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Selecting 'St Margarets Parent Teacher Association' as your selected charity via Amazon Smile means that for every purchase you make, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase to your PTA.

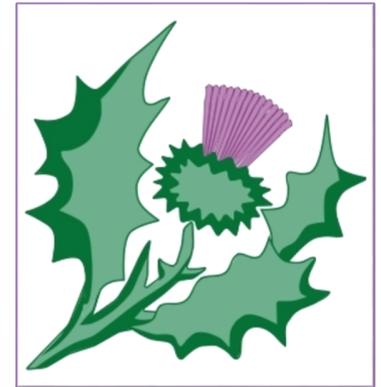
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E-scooters – Message from Torbay Council



In the Community

Free Face to Face Music Lessons on Saturday Mornings

Great opportunity. These are happening in Totnes at Keviks every Saturday. See [the Music Blog](#) for more information.



Looking for Uniform? - Correction

Caritas is a charity shop in **Chelston** (not St Marychurch) which has free items of uniform.

- E-scooters can only be used on public roads if rented as part of a government-backed trial.
- Private owners of e-scooters can only use them on private land and not on public roads, cycle lanes or pavements.
- To use an e-scooter from an official trial, you need to have category Q entitlement on your driving licence.
- Cycle helmets are recommended for e-scooter riders, but not legally required.
- Inappropriate use of e-scooters could lead to riders having it seized, having their accounts to hire one suspended, being prosecuted or fined.

Enjoy your weekend,



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Beech	Finn is always amazingly well behaved and shows respect to everyone he meets. He has worked really hard in his phonics lessons every single day. Well done Finn, keep it up!
Pine	Bailey- For being amazing! He always has his hand up, is kind, helpful, respectful and very cheeky! Great start to Year 1 Bailey!
Oak	Jacob- for always having an amazing attitude to his learning, joining in well in lessons and for trying his best. Great aspiration Jacob! Well done.
Apple	Darcy is our Star in Apple this week, for her amazing aspiration in becoming our first learner to finish the 72 club. Well done Darcy!
Birch	Lita - for aspiration! You have tried so hard with your writing, handwriting, maths and times tables this week and made good progress. We are so proud of you - keep it up!
Rowan	Jasmin is our star of the week because she shows the school's values every single day. Jasmin is responsible and so has been voted school councillor. She has also shown a lot of aspiration this week and has been using her joined handwriting throughout all of our lessons. Well done Jas!
Cherry	Poppy- she is amazing and demonstrates all of our school values everyday. She shows great responsibility for her learning and has especially impressed us with her writing during our sentence stacking lessons.
Hazel	Quinn - For being extremely aspirational in your learning this week. You have been really independent and engaged in every learning task. Well done!
Willow	Theo has consistently shown all of the school values this week. The adults in Willow have noticed his polite and respectful behaviour, his kindness to the other children and his resilience in his work. We are so proud of him, keep it up!
Holly	Evie is a star as she shows all the school values. She is kind, works so hard and to top it off presents her work beautifully, every time. Well done Evie.
Maple	Oscar - he has worked so hard this week and it's been lovely to see him flourish into a year 6 role model. He has demonstrated aspiration in all areas of his learning as he is always looking for ways to further improve, we are so proud of you. Well done!
Hawthorn	Josie - for settling in so well to St. Margarets. She has shown great aspiration in all her work and offers lots of ideas within lessons. Well done Josie for making such a great start to Year 6!