



Autumn Term Newsletter No.8

It was great to see so many parents attending meetings this week to discuss the children's progress as it is really important that home and school work together to help each child succeed. Thank you for booking an appointment. There will be meetings for Reception parents later in the term, too.

Beat the Street. The game has finished and we are eagerly awaiting the results. We can't believe we won't have won the top prize after your amazing effort but we have yet to have that confirmed. Now the game is over, Torbay Council is hoping everyone has got the fitness bug and will keep being active as a family. They will be starting other new initiatives such as Park Run and Couch to 5K. (There are details on their Twitter and Facebook pages)

There is a launch for a Junior Park Run on Sunday 4th November at Torbay Velopark at 9:00am. The 2k Junior park run is for children aged 4 to 14, every Sunday, starting with a third of a lap of the cycle track followed by one full lap. The course is smooth, flat and very safe. All children are allowed to run on their own, at their own pace. Parents must attend and stay on site during the run. Children can walk, jog, run, skip or jump their way round the Velopark. Children will have fun and make new friends, share high fives and feel proud with big smiles on completing each park run. Parents can run with their children if they wish but only the child can cross the finish line. For more information please use this link - www.parkrun.org.uk/torbayvelopark-juniors as you need to register before you turn up for the first time.

Next week we will be having our own running track built into the field. This was part subsidised by a sponsored sports event we held a couple of years ago and part through the Sports Grant each school receives. Following this, we will be installing some outdoor fitness equipment around the track. It's no wonder we were nominated Torbay Healthy School of the Year!

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



Beech — Angel has worked so hard this week in all aspects of her learning. We are very proud of her!

Pine — Cole has shown a mature attitude towards his learning and has super skills in basketball!

Apple — Archie has been a great mathematician this week, having a go and growing in confidence.

Oak — Ruby R shows fantastic reasoning, giving great explanations and always acting on feedback.

Birch — Cherry is a star! She demonstrated wonderful kindness this week through a selfless act.

Rowan — Jesse has such a positive and enthusiastic attitude to learning. Keep it up!

Cherry — Charlotte shows great confidence and maturity during discussion work. Well done!

Maple — Leo has made a fantastic effort and participated well this week. Keep it up, Leo.

Holly — William has an excellent attitude in all areas of his learning. A great role model!

Willow — Aliyah has shown great aspiration with her maths learning. Well done.

Hawthorn — Cally-Mae always challenges herself and is an aspirational learner!

Hazel — Harry has shown such amazing positivity and effort in all subjects!

Diary Date Reminders:

Christmas Card deadline for ordering is **TODAY**

Poppies will be on sale in school next week

Tuesday 6th November—PTA meeting at the Prince of Orange from 7pm

Friday 9th November—Remembrance Service at St Mary-church from 11:00am. KS2 School Council attending.

November 14th and 15th—School photographer in for individual and family photos

November 27th—Flu Vaccine (Reception to Y5)



Attendance Award
Congratulations to
Rowan Class
for winning the School
Attendance Award with
99.7% attendance.

The whole school achieved 95.9% attendance which is just below our 96%. I'm sure we can do better next week again.

New Headteacher

The children were very excited to meet Mr Hughes on Thursday. He will be spending a few days in school this half term so the children can begin to build a relationship with him as it can be quite a daunting thing for children when there is a change of Headteacher. Mrs Stell and Mr Hughes will be working closely together to ensure a smooth transition for when he takes over as Headteacher in January. He will also be attending Governors' meetings and meeting senior leaders and is very much looking forward to starting his new role here.

Unauthorised Absence

We have been asked by the Local Authority to ensure all parents are aware of the process regarding unauthorised absences during term time. Please see the information below.

You may receive a Penalty Notice if:

- *Your child was absent from School for 10 or more sessions (5 or more days) due to an unauthorised holiday; or*
- *Your child has accrued 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence in any 6 month period.*

A Penalty Notice may be issued per parent/carer and per child and you are given two payment options, these are:

Pay £60 within 21 days of receipt of the Penalty Notice

Pay £120 between 22-28 days of receipt of the Penalty Notice

If you do not pay the Penalty Notice, the Local Authority may start prosecution proceedings, unless the Penalty Notice was issued in error, in which case it will be withdrawn.

Only one Penalty Notice will be issued per parent/carer per child within a two year period. This means that if you paid a Penalty Notice and then committed a further offence contrary to s444(1) Education Act 1996 within the next two years, you are likely to be summonsed to Court for the most recent offence. If convicted, you could receive a fine of up to £1000.

If you are convicted of an offence under s444(1) Education Act 1996, and you commit a further offence within the next 5 years, you will be summonsed for the more serious offence contrary to s444(1A) Education Act 1996. If convicted, you could receive a fine of up to £2500 or up to 3 months imprisonment.

if you have any questions regarding this information, our Attendance Officer, Steph Musselwhite, will be happy to help.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.

Lower Key Stage 2



The year 3 and 4 children had a visit on Halloween from a fantastic magician, namely 'Billy Wizz'. This kick-started their new topic centered around magic. The day consisted of a one hour magic show and then workshops for each of the classes to reveal some of the secrets behind the tricks. They even got a goodie bag to take away! Have they practised any of the tricks on you yet?!



Key Stage 1

Years 1 and 2 were amazed to find the school orchard turned into a 'Pumpkin Patch'. They searched high and low for a pumpkin of their very own. Back in class they found out all about the different varieties of pumpkins there are and where the tradition of pumpkin carving comes from. They even watched a news clip about a man who had carved a huge pumpkin into a boat which he paddled along a river!

Pine and Beech class ordered their pumpkins from smallest to largest in groups and then as a whole class! They weighed them to see how heavy they were. Then they measured how long their pumpkin was in cm. Finally they completed observational drawings and sketches of their pumpkins.



Year 5

This week the children in Y5 all visited St.Cuthbert Mayne School to start a 4-part French Cooking project. The children took part in a French lesson where they sang songs and followed instructions in French. The song contained lots of the vocabulary that they then needed to use in their Food Technology lesson that followed. The children made a simple salad and a French dressing that they were all excited to take home and eat. Next week the Y4 children will be starting a similar project.



PTA News

The PTA will start selling tickets (£5) for the Christmas Trail today. The trail takes place at the school fair day (Friday 7th December) and the children will take part in five activities before stopping off in the grotto. They will take home all the goodies they have made and a small gift from Father Christmas. There are only 160 tickets available as the children will be participating in groups of 20 to ensure they can all fit through in time.

On Friday 23rd the PTA would like your help to make the fair a success. In exchange for a non uniform day they would like Reception to Y2 to bring a small gift that would be suitable for a parent (a box of chocolates, etc.) for the "Elfridges" shop they will be running on the day of the fair and Y3—Y6 to bring a bottle for the tombola. Thank you for your support.