



Autumn Term Newsletter No.8

Thank you for supporting the Parents' Meetings this week. The teaching staff really appreciated the opportunity to meet you to discuss your child's academic progress and hopefully, you found the meetings informative. We had lots of positive feedback about how well the children have settled into their classes and how much they are enjoying the challenge of their curriculum.

The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th November to take photographs of the children. We will ensure they have individual photographs and family photographs during the school day. If you would like to bring other siblings after school the photographer is happy to stay behind on Wednesday to take these photographs for you. If you would like to take advantage of this offer please queue in the corridor by the office and he will see you in turn.

This week has seen the children enjoying some seasonal fun and we have lots more planned for the next few weeks too!



Reception were having fun exploring what is inside a pumpkin. They also decorated pumpkins using different shapes.



Y1 were following instruction to make doughnut spiders!



Y3 solved mathematical pumpkin problems.

Don't forget to check our Twitter Page for more photos of our school days! [@StMargaretsTQ](https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ)

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



Beech — Ruby-Lee has joined in well with all our learning this week, showing great problem solving skills.
Pine — Reuben always comes to school with a smile. We also love how much he practises maths at home!
Apple — Oscar has an excellent learning attitude and listens 100% of the time, and makes a super effort.
Oak — Tyler has grown in confidence and independence and has made a great effort to join in more.
Birch — Finley has shown great determination when solving maths problems this week!
Rowan — CJ has made amazing progress in his maths with a huge improvement seen in his test scores!
Cherry — Lauren is showing increased confidence in all areas of the curriculum. Well done!
Maple — Austen takes responsibility for his own learning in English and has produced an amazing piece of work.
Holly — Jayden's effort has paid off and he's made great improvements in his reading and writing this term!
Willow — Fearne was aspirational in maths and worked hard until she cracked her challenge!
Hawthorn — Fraser shows excellent participation and is a wonderfully aspirational member of the class.
Hazel — Georgia is a star for her efforts to include aspirational vocabulary in her writing. Outstanding!

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 6th November— Cherry Class Swimming
Friday 10th November—PTA meeting 2pm. All welcome!
Anti Bullying week—please see the information below
Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th November—School Photographer
Thursday 30th November—Y1 and Y2 Nativity at the Princess Theatre from 2pm.
Tuesday 12th December— KS2 Christmas Service at Upton Vale Baptist Church at 6pm.



Attendance Award
Congratulations to
Hazel Class
for winning the School
Attendance Award with
99.3% attendance.

The whole school achieved 94.8% attendance which is below our target. Please help us meet our 96% target next week!

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK



The week beginning 13th November is anti-bullying week and the theme this year is '**All different, all equal**'. Anti-bullying week encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying. The theme this year helps children to celebrate what makes them and others unique. Here are some ways we will be taking part in anti-bullying week this year:

Friendship Friday – Friday, 10th November

Friendship Friday celebrates the importance of friendship while raising funds for Kidscape (a charity who work to prevent bullying and protect young lives). Good friends are invaluable to our success and happiness; they give us confidence, make us feel valued and offer support and love when we need it. Friendship Friday is an interactive and fun way to promote friendship, anti-bullying and inclusive behaviour.



Friendship Friday isn't just for schools! You can also take part in this at home too! To mark Friendship Friday, we would love for you to organise a playdate with your children's friends on Friday, November 10th. The playdate could be with someone you already know or, preferably, someone you've never had a playdate with before. Kidscape would also love to see how you get on, so please take a photo of your child and their friend holding hands, high fiving or fist bumping (just make sure you can't see their faces if you don't want them identified). Please then share the image on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or whatever you use) using the hashtag #FriendshipFriday. Here's some example messages you could use:

We made a new friend today on @Kidscape's #FriendshipFriday #FridayFeeling
We had a great playdate today thanks to @Kidscape's #FriendshipFriday #FridayFeeling

Odd Socks Day – Monday 13th November

All the children need to do to take part is to come to school on Monday, 13th November wearing **odd socks**! It is a fun opportunity for children to express themselves and appreciate individuality and uniqueness.



Donation

We would like to invite participating children to make a £1 donation either on Friday, 10th November or Monday, 13th November and we will split the money raised between the Anti-bullying Alliance and Kidscape. You do not have to raise money to take part in these events and the most important thing is the messages of Odd Socks Day and Friendship Friday.

Your child will also take part in a range of fun activities in their class throughout the week to really promote these key messages!

Children In Need Day— Friday 17th November



Another fund raising event with an important message and another day for the staff to have fun dressing up! We are going to be "Rocking the 80s" look. The children are welcome to join in with this theme—or just come in their normal every day clothes! All donations will go to Children in Need. Thank you.

Learning today to achieve our tomorrows.