



## ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Summer Newsletter #10

Dear Parents,

Summer has certainly arrived. It has been hot in school. This week children have been having fun by taking part in the Dunboyne Talent contest. Children voted on their favourite act in class and these winners competed in the final in the hall this afternoon, judged by our friends from Dunboyne Court. Thank you so much to them as always, for their unenviable task.

### Social Media Workshop for Parents (new date)

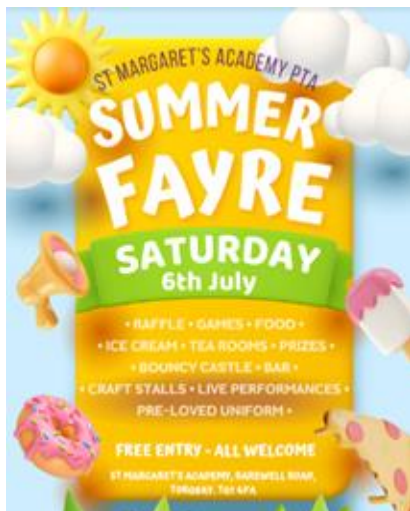
**New date: 6.00pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 in the school hall.**

I am really pleased to say we have Sally Squires (one of the lecturers from South Devon College) booked in again to run this again. This is open to all parents. **It is a must see for any parent. I highly recommend you make some time to attend.** *Please be advised it is not suitable for your children to attend; it is for adults only. Please also be advised that you might find some of the content distressing.*

Do also 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)

### Free Holiday and Food Activity Clubs

If your child is entitled to free school meals you can book on to a range of summer holiday clubs for free. These are hosted across the Bay. What a great opportunity to shelve that device and get active. Book via this link: [Holiday Activity and Food Programme - Torbay Council](#)



### New Reception Parents Meeting

On Wednesday evening this week, we held a welcome event for September's new parents. We went for a new upgraded interactive style this year with opportunities for parents to follow a treasure map and engage with a few activities. We were joined by our student council and PTA and it was a fun evening with refreshments provided by the kitchen. If you are a new parent reading this, all the resources from the evening can now be found on our website by [following this link](#).



## Curriculum News

Look in the Arts Blog to see the beautiful [Year 1](#) drawings inspired by the botanical artist, Shirley Slocock.

In the Sports Blog you can read the news and results from last week's [KS1 Sports Day](#) and [KS2 Sports Day](#). Thank you to Mr Mayling for organising these events.

Last week our student councillors from Year 5 gave a presentation; to members of the Local Authority and Kevin Foster on their ideas for making Torbay a better and safer place for young people. Let's hope it helps make a difference.

## Forest School Appeal

Next year, starting in September, Mrs Posey will be running a Forest School every Wednesday. In preparation for this, she has been busy working in our orchard to make some improvements. We are looking for the following to have in place before the summer holiday. If you could help with this or know someone, it would be super appreciated:

- Wooden planks to make a seating area for the fire pit
- Four large logs for our fire pit
- Sourcing or building a mud kitchen
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If you are able to help, please do let us know via myself, the office or Mrs Posey. Thank you very much.

## 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> July ([Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing](#)), 4<sup>th</sup> July ([Anger and Challenging Behaviour](#)), 9<sup>th</sup> July ([Healthy Relationships](#)) and 11<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl_share)

Enjoy the weekend

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



# Diary Dates

3 <sup>rd</sup> July	18.00 Social Media Workshop
4 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Non-Uniform Day – Bring a Bottle for the PTA Summer Fayre
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	PTA Summer Fayre
W/C 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Reports Home to Parents
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Y4 Water Confidence @ Goodrington
9 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Y6 Show 6pm showing
10 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Y6 Show 6pm showing
11 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Rock Steady performance 09.50am
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Y3 Water Confidence @ Goodrington
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	3.15- 3.45 Opportunity for parents to meet their child's new teacher
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Picnic on the field (Current Reception and New Starters) 3.30-4.30
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Collect children from new September class at end of school day
18 <sup>th</sup> July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Disco ? TBC
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am Leavers BBQ
22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	Final Day of School

Beech	Arthur is our star of the week for his amazing improvements in writing. He is now producing full sentences with full stops! He also showed such bravery in the talent contest doing his cartwheels!
Pine	Our star is Junior. He has made an incredible 'Haunted house' box and has been working on it all week. Junior has been taking turns and showing lots of kindness.
Oak	Penelope is the star this week as she has been super helpful when the class did their talent show auditions and she supported others when making trolleys in the DT lesson. Penelope also tried her best when she recently completed some end of year assessments. Super effort Penelope!
Apple	Our star this week is Emerson for simply being amazing!! Always ready to learn and takes a pride in everything he does.
Holly	Teyla is our star of the week. She's shown great aspiration in her writing, with lovely creative ideas. I can't wait to read her finished explanation text about her robot pet! Well done, Teyla!
Willow	Skye is the star of the week in Willow Class. She showed great resilience in performing her dance during our class talent show despite being very nervous and managed to get lots of other children up and dancing too. She also represented the school at an athletics competition very responsibly. Well done Skye.
Cherry	Our star of the week this week is Lola P. Always sensible, kind and helpful, Lola works hard in every lesson. Well done Lola!
Hazel	Our star is Cristiana! She is such a superstar, but has produced some amazing independent work this week including an amazing whale picture.
Birch	Edith is our star this week! She is always kind, always smiley and always tries her best! Well done for always being a superstar!
Rowan	This week's star in Rowan class is Ryan. He always shows such aspiration in his learning, quietly getting on with any challenge put in front of him! He has really impressed this week in music and has shown such perseverance when trying to master a tricky instrument.
Maple	Maple's star of the week goes to Sienna for blowing us away with her fantastic acting in the play. Sienna hasn't had long to learn the part but she's done an astounding job at remembering the lines, performing a solo as well as learning the dance! Fantastic, aspirational attitude Sienna!
Hawthorn	Mabel is our star of the week for her tremendous effort with writing and drama. She has worked really hard to develop her writing skills this term and has shown some fantastic acting skills in our rehearsals for the Year 6 show. Well done Mabel!

