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Summer Term Newsletter No.13

Thank you to all the parents who responded to a poll on the PTA page about the newsletter; we appreciate your feedback. The reasons we stopped paper copies were that it is very expensive to print with all the photographs on it and often we would find they didn't make their way home to you as the children would lose them or leave them around. By emailing them we can guarantee that they at least reach your home!

We do put paper copies in each class so the children can read them, do the quizzes and look at the photographs and we have a few spare copies in the entrance of the school. We post many more photographs on our Twitter page and try and give you a snapshot of school life in this way.

We are also going to move to a new website (hopefully over the summer holiday) which will be easier to navigate and have the newsletters clearly visible. There is also an app you will be able to download which will make receiving messages from the school even easier. We will let you know more about this once everything is up and running.

Our Y6 children are rehearsing their play and it sounds fabulous—we can't wait to see the final production. They are all becoming very conscious of how close they are to the end of their primary school days, commenting on "This is our last Celebration Assembly", "This is our last roast dinner" so next week could be an emotional week for many!

Cherry Class enjoyed their reward for being the first class to achieve 100% of the Bronze Reading Certificates—they chose a Cinema Afternoon so spent the afternoon in the Woodland Studio watching a film, eating popcorn and other treats. Thank you for supporting the children with their reading at home—it makes a huge difference to their skills as they become more fluent and their vocabulary expands as they encounter new words and discuss these with you.

This Week's Star Pupils:



Ash— All of Ash Class

Elm- All of Elm Class

Beech — Emily Harper

Pine - Ellie Glover

Apple— Kass Thomas, Jayden Turner

and Ethan Curran

Oak— Karla Lacuesta-White

Cherry— Noah Roberts

Holly — Annabelle Cook

Willow- Saskia Lima

Maple — Jack Groves

Birch — Kye Graham

Rowan — Bethany Kirby

Hawthorn — Miles Disley

Hazel — Ryanna Wilson

Diary Date Reminders:

Y6 Play—Tuesday 19th July 1:30pm and 6:30pm Y6 Disco—Wednesday 20th July 6:30—8:00pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly for parents - Thursday 21st July 9:30am

Last day of school Thursday 21st July
First day of term for children—Monday 4th September



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Holly Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 97.7% attendance.

The whole school achieved 94.5% attendance overall which is below our target of 96%.



Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see photographs and updates about school life.

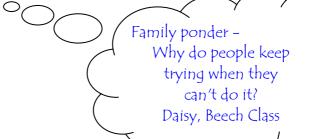
https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ

Maths Challenge

4. Olympic Rings Top and Bottom 2



Rearrange the numbers in the rings so that the total of the top three rings is the same as the total of the bottom two.



Another Star Pupil!

We are very proud of Ellie in Y1 as she has donated her plaits to the Little Princess Trust. It is such a generous thing to do to help other children. We love Ellie's new hairstyle!



Year 2 had a fantastic day on the beach on Wednesday, being creative with the sand and pebbles and enjoying the water. Their excellent behaviour was commented on by many other people enjoying the beach that day.









End of Year Reports

Your child will be bringing home their end of year report today with a reply slip. We would encourage you to complete the slips as they are a record of how you feel your child is progressing and give us feedback about the school. If you would like to discuss any of the comments on the reports please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting.

If you have a child in Y2 or Y6 you will also receive information about their end of Key Stage assessments. The curriculum, the assessment and reporting to parents have all been changed by the Government recently so to help you understand we have included information about the changes. If you would like further clarification please ask their class teacher and they will explain it to you.

Your child will also bring a slip home indicating the class they will be in in September and who their teacher/ teachers will be.

In case you missed the information on the newsletter a couple of weeks ago here is the staffing structure for September:

Foundation Stage	Miss Berry (Ash Class)	Miss Burke (Elm Class)
У1	Mrs Essam (Beech Class)	Mrs Stamp Vincent (Pine Class)
У2	Mrs Turner (Apple Class)	Mrs Morgan/Mrs Posey (Oak Class)
У3	Mr Rogers (Rowan Class)	Miss Worthington (Birch Class)
У4	Mrs Harrison (Maple Class)	Mrs Wall/Mrs Bindon (Cherry Class)
У5	Miss Henley (Holly Class)	Mr Robinson (Willow Class)
У6	Miss Wooldridge	Mr Marchant
	and Mrs Chivers (Hazel Class)	and Mrs Chivers (Hawthorn Class)

There will be opportunity to meet your child's new teacher at the start of September.

St Margaret's Swimming Team

On Monday 3rd July the swimming team went to Plainmoor swimming pool to compete in a gala against two other schools; St Marychurch and Queensway. The team consisted of 6 girls and 6 boys from year 5 and 6. The team was outstanding and we all tried our hardest. Mr Mayling (our coach) encouraged us to try our best and we succeeded. We all did one individual event; breaststroke, front crawl, or backstroke and some relay events too. Before you look at the results, we would like to say that all the competitors that took part are incredibly amazing swimmers and they should all have medals.

1st St Marychurch 90 points 2nd St Margaret's 72 points 3rd Queensway 26 points

By: Azy Kain and Abby Harrison

HSC Go To Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve - Wednesday 6th July

Kira "it was really fantastic because I liked doing nature activities. I loved going on the train, my first time, it was so much fun. It was good to meet other deaf children from Torbay"

Josh "I really enjoyed my trip to Dawlish Warren on the train, catching insects in the long grass, pond dipping and collecting shells from the beach."

Maddison "I liked the train because it went in a very big tunnel. I found a ladybird and I found a red worm."



Information for September

Uniform—please note that the children are expected to wear white polo shirts from the start of September; the yellow ones were left over from the days of our green and yellow uniform. Riviera School Days stocks white polo shirts with our logo on but you can also buy white polo shorts without the logo. We do require a logo on the sweatshirt and cardigan and the only stockists for these is Riviera School Days.

Please also remember when buying school shoes that if your child cannot do their laces please don't buy them lace up shoes. Trainers are not to be worn other than for PE lessons—and school shoes should be black We appreciate that some children are not wearing the correct shoes at the moment due to their feet having grown recently but we hope to start back to school with everyone wearing the correct uniform. Thank you.

Children have to take earrings out when doing PE lessons so please bear this in mind if you are thinking of having your child's ears pierced. As there is usually a lengthy time before they can take and leave their earrings out then the start of the summer holidays is a sensible time to have them pierced as you will have time to practise before returning to school in September.

Roald Dahl Day—Tuesday 13th September 2016.

This is a day of celebrations across Britain as it marks the anniversary of Roald Dahl's birthday—it will be 100 years since he was born. He will be celebrating this by having a Fancy Dress Day where the children are asked to come to school dressed as one of his characters. We have attached a flyer with this newsletter as you might need some inspiration—we also thought you might need advance notice for this one! There are lots of websites linked to the Roald Dahl's 100th birthday and they have other good suggestions for costumes. Perhaps on those rainy summer days you could do some research with your children and begin to plan the costume!

