

# St Margarets Academy

**Hands-Face-Space- FRESH AIR-Act as if you've got it**

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your children have had a lovely week. Teachers have enjoyed some more training with the Open University this week on our *Reading for Pleasure* project. Here's a very informative piece of evidence for you:

*'Reading for pleasure is the single most important indicator of a child's future success.'*

OECD 2002

Reading aloud is a key ingredient to this success, so get the books out at home. It's never too late and your child is never too old as recently I've been inspired to start reading aloud to my 16 year old again. We're going for a graphic novel this weekend by Neil Gaiman which will likely be an eye-opener to me too.

## Odd Socks, Spots and Yellow

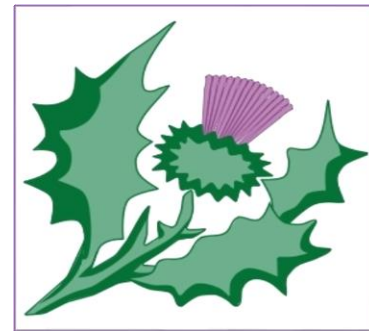
Anti-bullying week starts on Monday 15.11.21. To help us all remember to celebrate differences, we're asking everybody to wear odd socks all week. Children have designed a calendar for the week where they have planned to do two kind things each day: one act of kindness for somebody else and one for themselves.



Then on Friday 19.11.21 it is *Children in Need* and for a small donation to this worthy cause we're encouraging everybody to wear something spotty or yellow.

## Donations Needed

Foundation stage and Year1/2 are looking for any donations of spare pants for girls and boys age 4-6years, socks and plimsolls. Many Thanks in advance.



## Upcoming Events

### November 15

Anti-Bullying Week- Wear Odd Socks all week

### November 17

Flu Vaccinations

### November 19

Children in Need- Wear something Spotty or Yellow

### November 22

Parents Evening Week

### November 25

Individual school photos

## Curriculum News

All the below information can be found under 'Curriculum in Action' as usual on the school website.



Have a look in the [History Blog](#) to see some fantastic authentic looking photos of Year 5 evacuees arriving in Torquay as part of their entry point to their new topic.

You can find out what the Student Council has been up to in their latest minutes from their meeting last Friday in the [Student Council Blog](#) found under *Pupil Voice*. See also some of the photos from when they attended the [Remembrance](#) memorial service on Thursday, meeting Mr Thomas in uniform too.



Look in the [Digital Leaders Blog](#) under *Pupil Voice* to see how Miss Pritchard's group is getting on with e-safety recommendations. They've also set up a *Google Classroom* so they can quickly work together in the digital world across the school.

In our [SMSC Blog](#) (Social, Spiritual, Moral and Cultural) you can find out how the children got on in years 3, 4, 5, and 6 talking to our local MP, Kevin Foster when he visited on Wednesday.



## Staying Safe On-line – FEATURE #4 Sharing information, pictures and videos

It's harder to stay connected with our friends and family right now, so you may be sharing more images and videos of our children online via social media. But before you do, there are some important things to consider.

Read [sharing pictures of your children](#) for info on how to protect your younger, or older child whilst staying social. Using devices like phones and tablets to share pictures and videos can be a fun way for children to have fun and stay in touch with friends and family online. It's really important your child knows what's ok to share online and what they should check with you first.

Read [younger children sharing pictures or videos online](#) for more information on the risks and how to support safer sharing.

Personal information is any information that can be used to identify your child. Sharing personal information online is easy and sometimes children, like adults, might share more online than they would offline, which can be risky. Read [your child's personal information and how to protect it online](#) for information and advice.

Previous on-line safety features:

**Watching Videos** – found in the newsletter, dated 5.11.21

**Chatting, Being Kind and Making Friends Online** - found in the newsletter, dated 22.10.21

**On-line Gaming** – found in the newsletter, dated 15.10.21

## Super Helpful Good Parenting Website

Check out this really useful website:  
<https://parents.actionforchildren.org.uk/>

## Parents Evenings

Parents Evening for children in Years 1 to 6 will take place in the week beginning 22.11.21. You should have received information about this and been able to book a 10 minute phone call. I hope that we can offer face to face meetings in the spring term.

## Are you a parent new to the school?

As some of our new parents missed school tours because of the pandemic, I have had a request to hold a tour for current parents of children in Reception. I've scheduled Monday 15.11.21 at 9.30am. If you would like to book a place, please contact the office.

Enjoy your weekend. Get reading.



Tim Hughes (Head teacher)

# PTA



There is now a quick link to the PTA Events page under "useful links" on the school gateway



The PTA are arranging a Christmas jumper fundraiser in the coming weeks and we need your help!

**ALL SIZES REQUIRED  
PLEASE PASS TO YOUR  
CHILDS TEACHER OR TO THE**



Beech	Owen - for being truly Aspirational every day. You try so hard and are always looking for more ways to learn and improve. Well Done!
Pine	Jude- For being so eager to learn. He tries his very best in everything that he does, he always has his hand up and is such a kind member of our class. It has been lovely to see his creative side coming out lately too!
Oak	Cristiana- for amazing effort in her maths learning this week and for always showing kindness and responsibility at playtimes. Well done Cristiana- you are a star!
Apple	Louie is our star this week for a fantastic effort in his Numbots challenges. He won the gold award for the best progress and is using this in his learning in class. Well done Louie!
Birch	Max is our star this week for impeccable sitting, looking and listening all week! Your positive attitude to learning means you have made good progress in all subjects so far this year.
Rowan	Lily D is our star of the week for being an aspirational learner and a model student. Well Done
Cherry	Acai is our star for working hard on all her learning tasks. She has been especially impressive in our writing lessons and works with wonderful concentration to complete her learning chunks. We love hearing her read her writing out loud too. Well done Acai.
Hazel	Ines - For your aspiration in maths over the past few weeks. You have made great progress and it is fantastic to see your confidence growing day by day!
Willow	Our star of the week in Willow is for Oakley! In Year 5, we have been working really hard on our presentation and handwriting skills. Oakley has absolutely blown us away with his effort and his aspiration in improving. We are so impressed, Oakley, keep it up!
Holly	Bea is a great role model in our class. She thinks outside the box and often extends her work to demonstrate her understanding. Her participation in class and the presentation of her work is brilliant too. Every class needs a Bea!
Maple	Karolina is our star of the week for her perseverance with tricky learning. She never gives up and is always ready with her hand up to keep trying until it clicks into place. Well done on your hard work Karolina, keep it up!
Hawthorn	Skye - for the fantastic effort she has made with her writing this week. She has offered lots of ideas and listened well to the suggestions from other children. This has been reflected in the

tremendous improvement in the content of her writing and its neat presentation. Well done Skye - keep up the lovely handwriting!