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Thank you for making our Harvest Festival such a success. Some of our Rights Respecting Councillors led the assembly and we had a visit from Mr Addison from Torquay Community Larder who spoke to the children about how their food donations help other people locally. He has suggested some of our Councillors go and see the Community Larder in action so they can see the food being sorted and bagged up for local families so we will take him up on his kind offer after the half term.

Thank you also for popping in to school to look at the work in your child's books on Thursday after school. They always love to show you their work and if you have booked an appointment with their class teacher for the week after half term you will be able to discuss their progress since September. If you have yet to book an appointment please do call the office for help as it is always really beneficial to meet the teachers to discuss what is going well and what the next steps are and we would hate for you to miss out as you cannot log on to the app.

Christmas Cards

Your child will be coming home today with a Christmas Card that they have designed and a letter that explains how you can order these online. The deadline for orders is the first Tuesday back after half term so they can be printed and returned to you mid-November.

PTA Christmas events

The PTA have been working hard to organise many events for the children and the next term is full of lovely events. Please sign up in the foyer if you are able to help out at the fair as they will need lots of help setting up and running the stalls. Thank you.

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



Beech — Amelia has been so inspirational this week. She has loved practising new skills in the classroom.

Pine — Acai and Kyan have both taken great responsibility for their learning this week. Well done!

Apple — Charlie has been full of super smiles this week and has shown a positive attitude to his learning.

Oak — Heidi is an excellent listener, always ready to learn. She is a kind and polite member of the class.

Birch — Oscar is enthusiastic about his learning, inquisitive, and has a wonderful sense of humour.

Rowan — Oscar always strives to be the best he can be—in everything!

Cherry — Kelis has shown great leadership skills in DT this week when designing and making a catapult.

Maple — Ellie is a delight to have in the class. She always takes full responsibility for her learning.

Holly — Bella has an excellent aspirational approach to maths lessons. She had a 'eureka' moment this week!

Willow — Jayden and Alfie W have both worked hard to learn their spellings, both getting full marks!

Hawthorn — Brooke is a star for her excellent participation and effort in class. Keep it up!

Hazel — George deserves this award for his all round brilliance in effort, participation and progress!

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

ASPIRATION

Diary Date Reminders:

22nd to 26th October - Half term holiday
Monday 29th October—Holly swimming lessons

Week beginning Monday 29th October Y1— Y6 Parents Meetings.
Bookings close on eschools at 9am on Monday 29th October. Please call the office for help if you are struggling to get on to the app or to log in through a browser.

Wednesday 31st October—last day for Y6 Secondary School Applications



Attendance Award
Congratulations to Apple and Holly Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99.3% attendance.

The whole school achieved 97% attendance. Well done everyone!
Keep it Up.



Y6 Quicksticks Tournament

On Thursday 4th October, two teams (A team and B team) of Y6 hockey players played in a Quicksticks Tournament at St Cuthbert Mayne. We competed against Our Lady of the # Angels, St Marychurch and Homelands. The A team won 1, drew 1 and lost 1 and the B team won 1 and lost 2. Everyone enjoyed themselves in the tournament because we tried hard and supported each other. The A team came second, which means they qualify for the finals which is a Torbay wide competition. Sadly, the B team came third so they didn't qualify. Also, both teams won the Fair Play trophy which was the first time it was contested and Noah received a special mention and was awarded a medal for fair play and good sportsmanship. Good luck to the A team in the next round!

By Noah, Y6



Y3 and 4 Romans



Y3 and 4 have been designing and creating their own catapults, based on (miniature) designs from Roman weaponry. We also had a competition between classes with the winning catapult firing its ammo over 800cm!

We have also had a museum visit from Royal Albert Memorial museum discussing the finding of the Roman Seaton Down Hoard. Over 22,000 Roman coins were found 5 years ago in Devon!



Today we have had an interactive storyteller and dance specialist in to end our Roman topic. The children performed to the school and finished with a performance for their parents. They have been really enthusiastic about this topic so maybe if you get a chance to visit Exeter in the holidays you could have a walk around the walls of the city and look out for signs of the Romans!

Beat the Street

We are well out in the lead but please keep tapping those fobs and cards over the half term. There are double points available today and this weekend at different times where all boxes will give double points. (Watch out on our Twitter feed for the specific times!) There are more opportunities in half term, with two beach cleans, Monday 22nd at Goodrington beach and Friday 26th at Torquay seafront, both 12.00pm -1.30pm, where you will be able to get double points and help the local environment!

Have a lovely half term holiday from all the staff at St Margaret's!