

St Margaret's Academy

Hands-Face-Space- Fresh Air- Act as if you've got it

Dear Parents,

We started this week with assemblies in the hall which was a nice change to the video call versions. Mrs Turner and Mrs Tandy introduced our new friends, *Roald* and *Dahl*, the reading guinea pigs. They shared all the important information about how to care for them and how to safely handle them. As you can imagine there has been a lot of excitement to have them in our library.

Curriculum News

Hot off the press: look in the [Science Blog](#) to see how Year 3 got on finding out about rocks and soil on Dartmoor today.



Have a look in the [History Blog](#) to see Year 1 Pine Class detectives finding out about Edith Cavell this week.



Well done to Year 6 who competed in, and won, a local volleyball competition. It's great to see competitive games back happening and a big thanks to Mr Mayling for his excellent coaching once again. See the [Sports Blog](#) for photos and the full story.

Have a look in the [Computing Blog](#) to see a video of the next generation of computer programmers in action in Year 4.

The reading guinea pigs, *Roald* and *Dahl* have enjoyed their first week in school. See the [Reading Blog](#) for more

Covid Update

The government's position is now as follows:

The population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can



This week's
class attendance star
goes
to
Beech Class with
97.2%
Well done!

Polite Reminder

Dogs are **not** permitted on school grounds at any time even if you are carrying them.

(With the exception of service dogs)

Many Thanks



begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.

Most of the specific COVID-19 guidance for schools has been withdrawn today. In line with the remaining very brief guidance, at St Margaret's:

- **Any child with a positive test will be asked to stay at home for 3 days, returning after this as long as they are well enough to attend and do not have a temperature.**
- **Any child who is unwell and has a high temperature should stay home until they are well enough to attend and do not have a high temperature**

Vaccinations for healthy 5-11 year olds are available to book from today. You can book online by clicking [here](#) or you can find a walk-in centre near you via this [link](#).

Easter Holiday Clubs

If your child receives free school meals there are a variety of Easter holiday activities available to you in Torquay and across the Bay. You can find out more on the [Torbay website](#) and our school website under 'Wellbeing for Families' – '[Supporting Families](#)'. You should also have received a letter about it earlier this week. If you need any more support to find out more, please do contact the office.

Orchard Waterproof Clothing Please from Mrs Posey

The children absolutely love using the orchard and we would love for them to be able to use it 'whatever the weather!' Most children have wellies and there are others that can be borrowed but we are really in need of **waterproof trousers, overalls or dungarees**. This would help the children to really enjoy themselves without the worry of getting their clothes mucky.

If you have any **waterproof trousers, overalls or dungarees** that your child has grown out of and you would like to donate them to the school we would be extremely grateful. Please hand them in to the office, to your class teacher or to Mrs Posey. Many thanks!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Beech	Arya F - You are such a hard worker and show amazing enthusiasm for everything you do. Your writing is getting better each week and I loved how you practiced your counting in 2s in your busy time today. Well done
Pine	Louie- For his continued enthusiasm about absolutely EVERYTHING! He was especially helpful while planting our new willow plants in the orchard this week.
Oak	Kristina- for improved concentration and also for joining in with the maths and phonics lessons this week. Please keep it up Kristina- well done!
Apple	Michael D is the Apple star this week as he has become more responsible and focussed in his learning recently, especially in our sentence stacking lessons. He is sharing his ideas more and bringing richer vocabulary to his writing, well done Michael, keep it up!
Birch	Elyce for being on all four core value stars in one day! She is a role model for other children in her positive behaviour and attitude
Rowan	Harrison is our star of the week because he has been an absolute star on our trip to Dartmoor. He has shown great resilience and also respect to his group and to the adults - especially the Dartmoor rangers. Well done Harrison!
Cherry	Sophia Hi is the star of the week in Cherry class. She is concentrating well on her learning tasks and has a positive attitude towards her school work. Well done Sophia- you are clearly demonstrating our value of responsibility.
Hazel	Ava - For your positive attitude towards learning and school. You have been working so hard in every subject and your positivity is infectious!
Willow	Jaya for her excellent resilience and aspiration in her Maths assessments this week. Well done, Jaya!
Holly	Alfie is our star of the week. He was set the challenge to work more independently on his Maths work and he has done this so well over the last few days. Keep it up Alfie!
Maple	Tamsin is the Maple Class star this week, as recently she has shown the school value of aspiration in her maths. If Tamsin doesn't understand a particular concept she perseveres until she does. Great work Tamsin, I am so impressed!
Hawthorn	Lacey - for the hard work she has put into her independent newspaper report writing this week. She used neat, joined handwriting and thought carefully about its content and journalistic style. Fantastic effort - well done Lacey!