

# St Margaret's Academy

We started this week with our *big reveal* assembly, putting names to photos of staff when they were a baby, child or young adult – to much amusement and interest. We were also joined by one of our mums, Miss Porter, and her 2-week-old baby. We used the occasion to think about what we need at the different stages of our lives to help us put down strong roots. One recurring ingredient to a healthy life is lots of love, nurture and friendship. In our PSHE Blog you can enjoy a magical singalong from Year 4 Hazel Class, inspiring us to "[Lean on Somebody](#)"; well-worth a watch.

We also welcomed two trainee teachers from Switzerland this week who have joined us for 2 weeks to experience education in the UK and further develop their English language.

## Congratulations

Big congratulations to one of our teaching assistants, Emma Hollis, who has just passed, with a merit, to be a fully qualified Level 4 Families, Young People and Children Practitioner; no small feat, especially when juggling family and work commitments. From September, Emma will be splitting her time in school between supporting in class and joining our pastoral team to help support families.

## Hearing Support News

On Thursday our deaf children from St Margaret's joined 30 other deaf children in Exeter for a special '[Together Day](#)'. Read all about it in the *Latest News* which can be found under *Hearing Support Centre – About the School*.

## School Meals

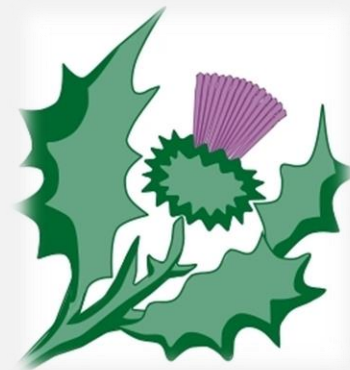
Please do remember to order your child a lunch via the school gateway app. Children can become quite distressed if they are expecting something and we have to give them an alternative if they don't have one ordered. It is also tricky for the kitchen not knowing how many to cater for. Thank you.

## Summer Fair 8<sup>th</sup> July

The PTA Summer Fair fast approaches: Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July. If you are able to lend a hand in any way, even for just a short time, please do get in touch with Laura, Felicity or Jenny. If you are not sure who they are, please just leave your details with the office so they can pass them on. **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July will be a non-uniform day to bring a bottle for the fair.**

## Parent Support Group for Children with Needs

There is a new [Parent Peer Support Network](#) in Torbay for parents of children with need (diagnosis not required) up to the age of 11. Look on



Apply sun cream in the morning and send your child in with spare cream. Teachers will then remind children to re-apply before going out to lunch.

Dress your children in loose, light clothing. Please feel free to adapt your child's uniform to suit the weather each day e.g. you may want to send them in a long-sleeved cotton top to protect their arms

Please send them in with a full water bottle. Staff will encourage them to drink plenty during the day and refill their bottle regularly.

Please send them in with a hat with a wide brim

our website under 'Parent' – 'Useful Resources for Parents' to find out more information.

### **Family Voice for SEND Pupils**

'Torbay SEND Family Voice' is a useful place where you can attend events in person, ask questions, explain our views or just come for a coffee. All welcome. Informal and relaxed. These forums are already making a difference with professionals really hearing what families are really experiencing and taking those messages back to their teams. <https://www.familyvoicetorbay.org/summerevents>

### **Healthy Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme**

If your child has free school meals, good news: bookings are now open for a range of free [summer holiday activities](#). You can see a full list of everything available on our website under 'Useful Resources for Parents'. For booking and more information: [Healthy Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) Programme - Torbay Council](#)

### **Help with Rising Costs – Reminders**

- **Household Support Fund** – if you are on a welfare benefit / tax credit or have a disposable income of less than £50 per week:  
[Household Support Fund - Torbay Council](#)
- Do you need help with child care? If so, try this website: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
- Help for households – very useful government website: <https://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk/>
- This community kitchen has some very affordable meal options and is well worth a look:  
<https://www.turningheads.org.uk/community-kitchen/>
- The PTA has lots of quality school uniform for a small donation – see their FB page
- Martin Lewis: <https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/>
- Free uniform and help with rising costs: <https://www.punkagainstopoverty.org/>
- Try here for cheaper broadband: <https://www.ofcom.org.uk/phones-telecoms-and-internet/advice-for-consumers/costs-and-billing/social-tariffs>

Enjoy the weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



# Diary Dates

26th June 2023	Class Photos
30th June 2023	Year 2 trip to Dawlish Warren
5th July 2023	Dunboyne Art Homework Project due
6th July 2023	Non-Uniform day - donate a bottle for the PTA summer Fair
8th July 2023	PTA Summer Fair
W/C 10th July 2023	Reports to Parents (date to be confirmed)
12th July 2023	Y6 Show- Afternoon performance to parents 2pm
13th July 2023	Y6 Show - Evening performance to parents 6pm
18th July 2023	Meet your child's new teacher 3.15-3.45pm
19th July 2023	Picnic on the field for New Starters and current Reception Children 3.30-4.30pm
20th July 2023	Rock Steady Concert 10am (FS, Y1 & Y2) 10.30am (Y3-6)
21st July 2023	Year 6 Leavers Assembly for parents and siblings 9.30-10am
21st July 2023	Year 6 BBQ
21st July 2023	Last day for all Pupils
<b>4th September 2023</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Day (staff training)</b>
<b>5th September 2023</b>	<b>1st day back for pupils-</b> please note the short week due to non pupil days
<b>8th September 2023</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Day (staff training)</b>



<b>Beech</b>	Keegan for trying so hard with his writing this week. You have written some lovely messages to your friends and it has been great having you in the classroom so much more - thank you!
<b>Pine</b>	Amelia is our star this week and could be our star every week! She works so incredibly hard and is always trying to better herself. Keep it up Amelia!
<b>Oak</b>	Harvey for his really aspirational writing over the last couple of weeks. He has also shown a lot of kindness to other children and helping out in the classroom this week.
<b>Apple</b>	The whole of Apple Class for being amazing on the school trip to Dawlish. They have been kind, respectful and a fantastic representation of the school.
<b>Birch</b>	Raya for her outstanding efforts in sitting, looking and listening all year. You're a role model for others and always show all of our school values. Keep on being amazing!
<b>Rowan</b>	Pedro is our Star of the week this week because he has tried his absolute best during our Maths and PSHE lessons to give really thoughtful answers to questions. We have been really impressed with his knowledge and calculating skills. Great work, keep it up !
<b>Cherry</b>	Lily is the star of the week in Cherry class. She has worked so hard over the whole year in all subjects. She shows real aspiration in all learning tasks and always gives her all. She continually has her hand up to answer questions and volunteers to read her work aloud. Well done Lily.
<b>Hazel</b>	Harry - For always WOWing us with your fantastic animal knowledge. The class enjoyed it when you taught us about a mythical creature this week. You have also demonstrated fantastic throwing, catching and hitting skills in rounders - well done!
<b>Willow</b>	Izzie is our star in Willow this week for her excellent aspiration. Izzie has worked so hard in her Writing this week, taking care to include lots of exciting language and techniques. Izzie also was chosen to represent the school for an Athletics competition where she behaved brilliantly! Well done, Izzie! Keep up the hard work!
<b>Holly</b>	Jake is our star this week, he has definitely shown the skill of aspiration in writing recently and has wowed us by using lots of the skills that we have learned during year 5. He also was a brilliantly responsible representative for the school at an athletics tournament yesterday. Well done!
<b>Maple</b>	Maple's star of the week is Oakley for his fantastic effort in our school play rehearsals - we can't wait for you to see him perform! Oakley has also shown lots of kindness this week. He has been particularly helpful around the classroom and has been doing lots of jobs for Miss Lynds. Well done Oakley!
<b>Hawthorn</b>	Hollie is our Star of the Week for her consistent respect and kindness as well as her dedication to her learning. She is such a fantastic role model and always makes us proud! Well done Hollie!



ST MARGARET'S ACADEMY PTA

# DRESS DOWN DAY

## THURSDAY 6th JULY

We are looking for Donations of 'a bottle of something' in exchange for a dress down day on Thursday 6th July. We will be using the bottles as part of a game at our Summer Fayre!

**PLEASE BRING IN YOUR BOTTLES ON THE DAY AND GIVE THEM TO THE CLASS TEACHER**

As always with your PTA, this is not mandatory - but your support is always appreciated.

