



ST MARGARETS ACADEMY

5th July 2024

Summer Newsletter #11

Dear Parents,

This week we have been seeing if we can do things for others with kindness in our hearts, because we never know what difficulties someone next to us might be going through. It has also been the week when we started the transition events to help prepare children and staff for next year. On Thursday and Friday afternoon, children visited their new classes while our Year 6's were out on their visits to their new secondary schools. It's an exciting yet nervous time of year with so many changes afoot.

Help with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Torbay has just recently produced some very helpful videos and tool kits to help parents better understand the graduated responses that could help your child. Check out the videos [here](#) and have a look at the [toolkits](#) that provide useful help and tips on these areas:

- Cognition and learning needs
- Sensory and physical needs
- Speech, language and communication needs
- Social, emotional and mental health needs
- Neurodiversity

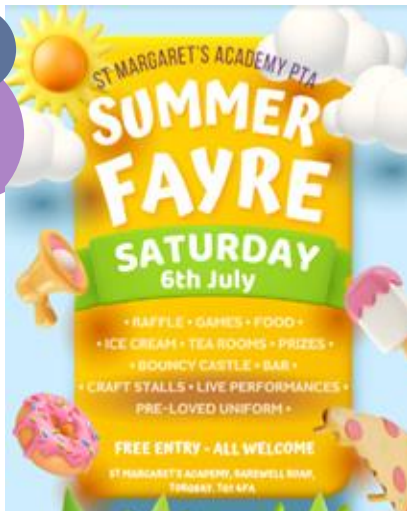
There are still two SEND workshops for parents available for booking: 9th July ([Healthy Relationships](#)) and 11th July ([Online Safety and Exploitation](#)).

Torbay Family Hub

A very useful website is the Torbay Family Hub page: [Home - Family Hub \(torbayfamilyhub.org.uk\)](#). You can find all sorts of advice and support here for all children of all ages, including parents of children with SEND.

Social Media Workshop for Parents

Thank you to Sally Squires for running another information evening this week. We are hoping to run this again in the autumn term and are exploring how we might get more parents to attend this essential event. In the meantime, do have a look here for some super valuable information that will really help you: [Understanding children's social media use \(padlet.com\)](#)



Sports News

In the Sports Blog you can read about how Year 6 smashed out the wins in a local [Rounders tournament](#) this week.

You can also find out how well our children in Years 3 to 6 did at a local [athletics competition](#). Well done to all the children and Coach Mayling.



Interested in becoming a Youth Worker

Interested in becoming a Youth Worker?
Have a look here: [Detached Youth Worker 3/3 | South West Youth Ministries \(swym.org.uk\)](#)

St Margaret's Close

Residents of St Margaret's Close have asked me to share that a gate will be erected in the summer holiday to prevent access to their private property, and also to please be advised that they note concerns for some children playing unsupervised out of school hours in the Close.

Worried about being stalked?

If you are worried about this, the police have released some [useful advice](#) which you can find on our website under 'Parents' – 'Useful Resources for Parents'.

Recent Reminders

- A range of free summer holiday clubs: [Holiday Activity and Food Programme - Torbay Council](#)
- If you have any spare clothes you are happy to donate in case of accidents in school please do pass to your child's teacher. Thank you.
- Remember to apply sun cream and send your child with plenty of water to drink each day
- Free Park Yoga: running from now until September, there are free weekly yoga sessions on Torre Abbey Green at 9.30am every Sunday. Just turn up; no need to book.
- Summer Fayre, Saturday 6th July. The Fayre can only go ahead with the support of parents and teachers: <https://volunteersignup.org/BK9RQ>
- Lilli's Australian adventure: if you would like to help <https://gofund.me/45b9e4d9>
- Our Amazon Book Wish List: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl_share

I look forward to seeing you all at the Summer Fair tomorrow.

Tim Hughes (Headteacher)

Forest School Appeal

Next year, starting in September, Mrs Posey will be running a Forest School every Wednesday. In preparation for this, she has been busy working in our orchard to make some improvements. We are looking for the following to have in place before the summer holiday. If you could help with this or know someone, it would be super appreciated:

- Wooden planks to make a seating area for the fire pit
- Four large logs for our fire pit
- Sourcing or building a mud kitchen
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If you are able to help, please do let us know via myself, the office or Mrs Posey. Thank you very much.



Diary Dates

6th July 2024	PTA Summer Fayre
W/C 8 th July 2024	Reports Home to Parents
9th July 2024	Y4 Water Confidence @ Goodrington
9 th July 2024	Y6 Show 6pm showing
10th July 2024	Y6 Show 6pm showing
11th July 2024	Rock Steady performance 09.50am
16th July 2024	Y3 Water Confidence @ Goodrington
16 th July 2024	3.15- 3.45 Opportunity for parents to meet their child's new teacher
17th July 2024	Picnic on the field (Current Reception and New Starters) 3.30-4.30
18 th July 2024	Collect children from new September class at end of school day
18th July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Disco ? TBC
22nd July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am Leavers BBQ
22 nd July 2024	Final Day of School