

# St Margarets Academy

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

Dear Parents,

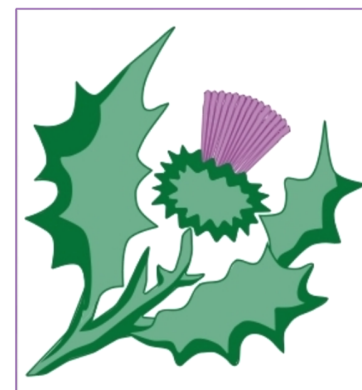
It has been the first full week back for the children and I'm happy to report that there continues to be happy little people (and some big ones), enjoying the start to the new academic year. There is a really lovely buzz around the school, in the classroom and outside during the new free-choice time.

## Governors

On Wednesday evening, the school governors (trustees of the academy) met along with our Academy Members for the Annual General Meeting. We welcomed some new faces. Claire Shiers joins us a Member, and Daniel Gaze and Chloe Brooks join us as Trustees. At the meeting we mapped out the meetings and work of the trustees for the year ahead. We look forward to working with our trustees in the best interests of your children. (For your information, Academy Members are the people who have the final accountability for the school and the Academy Trustees report to them.)

## School Pupil Numbers and Reception New Starters for September 2022

One of the items we discussed at the above trustees' meeting was the number of pupils on our school roll. This year's Reception intake and last year's coincided with low birth rates in the Bay which has affected pupil numbers for all schools. Because our funding is based on pupil numbers, we want to make sure we promote and advertise the school in the most effective way possible. If you are able to spread good cheer about St Margaret's by word of mouth, it will help us to welcome new children either in-year or in preparation for next September. For example, if you could direct any potential new parents of Nursery aged children to our website homepage to book a school tour and see some of the lovely videos of Reception in action that would be much appreciated thank you.



## Upcoming Events

### September 22

Parent Voice Meeting

### September 27

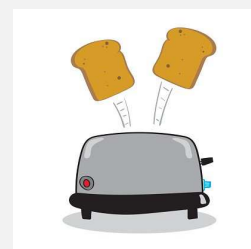
Book Fair

## Important Announcement

### Breakfast Club

In response to parent feedback, from Monday 20<sup>th</sup>, breakfast club will be open from 7:45 am.

We will be offering toast between 8:00-8:20 for any child who would like a morning snack.



## More Important News

### News from the Hearing Support Centre

Have a look at the latest news from our [Hearing Support Centre](#) to see the lovely videos from their summer school. On Wednesday after school this week, staff from the HSC joined with the Forest School staff to provide an outdoor experience for our children and other hearing impaired children and their families from across the Bay. This will continue every Wednesday for the next few weeks so look out for photos and news.

### Reading for Pleasure Project with the Open University

This year we are joining with the Open University of a *Reading for Pleasure* project. Reading for pleasure is the kind of reading children and adults choose to do in their own time, for their own purposes is important. It contributes to our world knowledge, imagination and well-being, in addition to developing children's literacy. The will to read influences the skill (and vice versa). As a school we are exploring children's parents and teachers' reading for pleasure outside school. It would be really helpful if you could complete this short 10 question survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ZD2WMFK>

### .Book Fair on Monday 27.9.21

One of our improvement priorities this year is to further improve reading and develop our school library. To support with this, we have a Book Fair after school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September with a percentage of the takings going towards resourcing more books for the library.

### Parent Voice and Improvement Plans for this Academic Year

If you would like to hear about our improvement plans for this year and to have a chance to share your views, please do come along next Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 6.00pm. This will take place in the school hall. Numbers are limited to help with social distancing so please do book a place rather than just turn up.

### Covid Update and Clarification

Following Public Health advice, we are no longer informing parents if we have a single case of Covid in school. Instead we will inform all parents when a government defined 'threshold' has been reached or if there is another reason that we need to communicate with all parents. These letters will be written in conjunction with Torbay Public Health and are called 'Warn and Inform' letters. At the point of writing, we will also be communicating to you any changes that we will be making within school to manage any potential transmission in line with our 'Outbreak Management Plan.'

A threshold is defined by the government as:

- 5 children, pupils, students or staff, who are likely to have mixed closely and test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period; or



## In the Community

### Torbay Parent Carer Forum

Torbay is looking to set up a parent carer forum which welcomes all parent carers of children and young people with disabilities, special educational needs, health needs and other additional needs aged 0-25 years, whether diagnosed or not. The meetings will be on:

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7:00pm to 8:30pm




Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September 10:30pm to 12 noon

Please email

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for more details

- 10% of children, pupils, students or staff who are likely to have mixed closely and test positive for COVID-19 within a 10-day period

<p><b>When should my child self-isolate or miss school?</b></p> 	 <b>NO</b>	<p><b>All children MUST attend school unless they are ill.</b>          From 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has Covid.  <b>Instead, they will need to book a PCR test but can continue coming to come to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.</b></p>
	 <b>YES</b>	<p>If your child develops Covid symptoms at home, they should <u>stay at home</u> and should book a PCR test, <b>NOT</b> a Lateral Flow test.          If your child develops Covid symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PCR test.  <b>If your child tests positive for Covid, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PCR test.</b></p>

### Vaccination Clinics at the Riviera Centre

W/c 20<sup>th</sup> September:

TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 08:00-18:00 (booked appointments 09:00-15:30, **walk-ins 08:30-15:00**)

W/c 27<sup>th</sup> September:

MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 08:00-18:00 (booked appointments 08:30-17:15)  
 TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 08:00-18:00 (booked appointments 08:30-17:15)  
 WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 08:00-18:00 (booked appointments 08:30-17:15)  
 THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 08:00-18:00 (booked appointments 08:30-17:15)  
 FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 08:00-18:00 (booked appointments 08:30-17:15)

From the week of the 27<sup>th</sup> September there will be no walk-in-clinics. All appointments must be booked via the GP practice. Practices will be contacting patients in JVC1 cohort order for boosters. Anyone requiring a first or second dose can contact their practice to make an appointment.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend



Tim Hughes (Head Teacher)



Pine	Evelyn for writing a song and performing it in front of the whole class. You really are inspirational. Well Done!
Oak	Archie- for being a role model for kindness and for having a positive attitude to his learning. Thank you for taking care of others and helping around the class Archie, you are a really thoughtful boy. Well done!
Apple	Raya is our star this week for being a Responsible Robin, she is always doing the right thing and showing she is ready to learn. Raya is a super role model for others to follow.
Birch	Bertie - for being a wonderful new addition to our school! Kind, polite and hardworking. We are lucky to have you.
Rowan	Harrison for settling in so well to our school! Harrison has shown both respect and kindness from the school's values by listening really well to the children and the adults and being really helpful around the class. Every morning, Harrison puts the chairs out in the classroom so thank you and well done Harrison for being a brilliant member of Rowan class already!
Cherry	Oscar for his fabulous attitude to learning especially in our writing lessons. He shows aspiration in class and always challenges himself to do his best.
Hazel	Neave - For being a fantastic role model to the rest of the class in every way. You have shown all of our values and we are very lucky to have you in Hazel class!
Willow	Charlie Hol - for settling in so well into Year 5. Charlie has shown great maturity this week in Year 5, following instructions, being polite and respectful and tackling his challenges with resilience. He also is always first to be ready to learn! I am so pleased he is in our class. Well done Charlie!
Holly	Ruby - for being a fantastic role model. She participates brilliantly in every lesson and works well with anyone she is with. She impresses us with her amazing subject knowledge and her behaviour is exemplary at all times.
Maple	Kally has shown the school value of aspiration in all aspects of his learning. He is always happy to share his ideas in class and has a brilliantly positive attitude at all times. Well done for making such a super start to your year 6 journey!
Hawthorn	Teddy has impressed us with his positive, respectful attitude this week. Well done Teddy for making such a great start to Year 6!