



St Margaret's
Academy

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Autumn Newsletter #8
8th November 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term and the countdown to Christmas. I hope you all had a lovely half term break.

Curriculum News

Check out the Creative Learning Blog for [Year 3's](#) news report into their fossil discovery. Brilliant!

Parents Evening

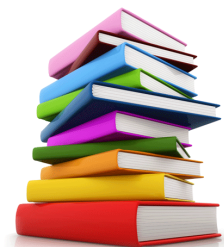
Parents Evening for Year 1 through 6 will take place the week commencing 18th November 2024. The booking system will go live on Monday 11th November at 16.00 till Sunday 17th November. Please book your session via E-Schools.

Book Fair

This years book fair will take place the week commencing 25th November. It will be held in the hall every day after school We look forward to seeing you there. Please see the attachment in a following email for some of the exciting books available.

Our Amazon Book Wish List

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/FOD16NCSLQOX?ref=wl_share



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Help with Rising Costs — Reminders

- Riviera Life Church Food and Baby Bank – [link here](#). We can make a referral for you or phone 07486 402493
- **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>

Happy Weekend



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)



Diary Dates

15th November 2024	Y3 Trip to Kents Cavern
W/C 18th November 2024	Parents Evening Week
W/C 25th November 2024	Book Fair After School in the hall
13th December 2024	KS1 Nativity at Babbacombe Theatre (Doors open at 14.00)
20th December 2024	Book look for parents after school—Open Class
20th December 2024	Curriculum Event for Parents (During day—Times TBC)
W/C 23rd December 2024	Christmas Holidays
7th January 2025	First day back for children
W/C 17th February 2025	Half Term
24th February 2025	First day back for children
W/C 7th April 2025	Easter Holidays
22nd April 2025	First day back for children
5th May 2025	Bank Holiday
W/C 26th May 2025	Half Term
3rd June 2025	First Day back for children
24th July 2024	Final day for the children



Beech	Hugo has shown such resilience this week, coping so well with moving to a new phonics group. He has also been really motivated to learn, wanting to finish his reading, get started on his writing straight away and have a go at everything Mrs Tandy has introduced. Well done Hugo!
Pine	Isabelle is our star of the week. She is self motivated and always tries her best. She has her hand up constantly, is reliable and is generally awesome! Miss Blackburn has also reported that Isabelle is AMAZING in her phonics group. Well done Isabelle!
Oak	Oliver is our star as he has continued to show great motivation to learn and he has a positive and resilient attitude. Super effort in all lessons this week Oliver, well done!
Apple	Lily is our star for her amazing motivation to find out more about The Great Fire of London. She has shown amazing enthusiasm for this topic and this has been apparent in her first 2 entries in her Great Fire of London diary. We can't wait to read the final piece - well done!
Holly	Rinat has been showing great resilience recently in his learning and at playtimes. He is being more responsible by asking adults for help when needed and by being an active learner in his phonics he has moved up! Great work Rinat.
Willow	Olivia W is the star of the week in Willow Class. She has shown great active learning in maths not only completing her own learning but demonstrating her understanding by supporting others who have found it tricky. Well done Oliva you showed tremendous aspiration and responsibility this week.
Cherry	Kai is the star of the week for all his hard work. He really applies himself in class and is always contributing well in discussions and is always being helpful.
Hazel	Lexy is our star this week. She has been so motivated with her phonics and reading and has now become a free reader. We're so proud of you!
Birch	Our star this week is Rory! Rory has been showing incredible motivation within his learning recently. It has been lovely to see him grow in confidence and show such pride in his achievements. Keep up the great work, Rory!
Rowan	Jake is this week's star as he has shown such incredible resilience in his learning. He has worked so hard on his writing in particular. His presentation is wonderful and it is clear to see how much work has gone into checking spellings - we're so proud!
Maple	River is our star this week for her amazing motivation! River has tried really hard across all lessons this week but we have been particularly impressed with her hard work in writing. River has written some fantastic similes and metaphors for her battle cry. Well done River!
Hawthorn	Dylan is our star for his consistent motivation. He always listens carefully to teaching, works hard to apply what he has been taught and consistently strives to do his best. He has also shown great active thinking in his responses to our reading lessons and history learning this week.

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