

Spring Term Newsletter No. 1

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a great Christmas and that your New Year has got off to a good start. We have had a lovely first week back and the children have been excited to tell us about their Christmas holiday. It seems many children had electronic gadgets that connect to the internet for Christmas so can we just remind you that it is important to change the privacy settings and have parental controls on all these devices too. There is information about this on the internet and in some of the digital parenting magazines we have sent home.

If your child had a mobile phone for Christmas please remember that our policy only allows Y6 children to bring in them into school and parents must complete a form requesting permission first. These are available from the office. If you had a mobile phone for Christmas please remember to update any new numbers with the office staff as we need to be able to contact you in case of emergency.

You should have received curriculum maps and topic homework linked to your child's learning this half term. These will also be uploaded to our website should you wish to check on there. Please do check out our website as we are working on populating it with useful information for you. If you have any suggestions for how we can improve it further we are happy to listen to your ideas.

PTA News

Our last cake sale which took place in December raised £35.40. Thank you for the donations. Our next meeting is on Monday 18th January at 3.05 in the Forest room. Everyone welcome including the children. We are currently looking for a new chairperson to join our team. If you think you would like to take on this role but are unable to attend the meeting please do let us know.

This Week's Star Pupils:



Beech — Vincent Guilfoyle
Pine — Leo Jukes
Apple— Jayden Turner
Oak— Marlena Prochon
Cherry— Mollie-Rose Stanion
Holly — George Brooks
Willow— Leon Hepburn
Maple — Courtney Stevens
Birch — Chloe Eldridge
Rowan — Holly Priestley
Hawthorn — Ben Burgoyne
Hazel — Sam Jones

Diary Date Reminders:

Monday 18th January at 3.05 pm—PTA meeting in the Forest Room

Tuesday 19th—Friday 22nd January—Life Education Van



Attendance Award

Congratulations to Apple Class for winning the School Attendance Award with 99% attendance.

The whole school achieved 93.4% attendance overall which is below our target. Let's see if we can do better next week!



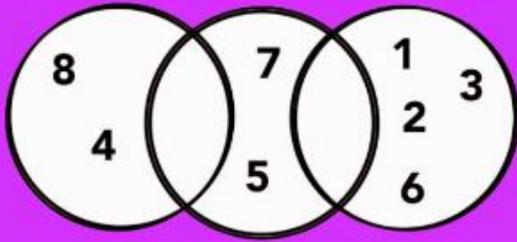
Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to see photographs and updates about school life.

<https://twitter.com/StMargaretsTQ>

Maths Challenge

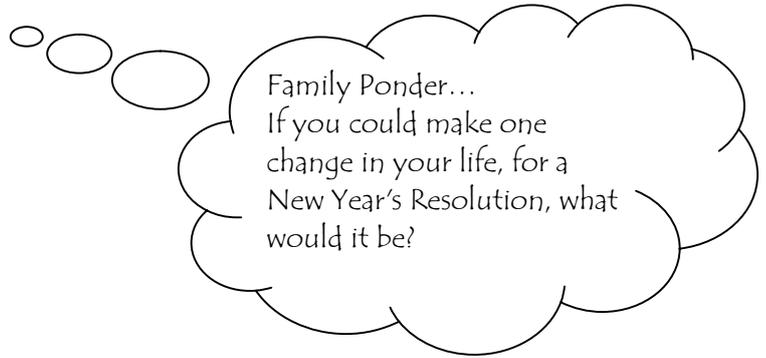
Same-Sum Circles

Notice that the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 are placed in the three circles below. The sum of the numbers in each circle is 12.



Question 1: Can you move the numbers around so that the sum in each circle is 13? (You must still have exactly 1 copy of each number.)

Question 2 (for experts): What other sums can you make? What is the largest possible sum? Can you make every sum from 12 up to that number?



Reception Class Applications for September 2016

The closing date for applications is Friday 15th January so if you have a child born between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012 you must complete an application form, even if you already have older children attending our school. The information you need can be found here <http://www.torbay.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions.htm>

Spring Term Clubs

We have a new selection of clubs for the children to try this term. If your child is interested please ask them to speak to the staff member first as some clubs have to be limited in size. We hope the children enjoy trying something new and ask that if they are not able to attend the club for any reason they notify the staff member as it saves us time trying to locate them! Children are brought to the main school entrance at the end of the club for you to meet them in the warm and dry. Please be prompt as staff members often have other commitments after their club has finished.

Club	Day and Time	Year Group	Location	Staff Member
Board Games	Monday Lunchtime	Y3 and Y4	ICT room	Mrs Sewell
Football	Monday 3:05- 4:15	Y5 and Y6	Field	Mr Mayling
Crime Lab Club	Monday 3:05- 4:15	Y1—Y6	Willow Class	Miss Burke
Netball	Tuesday 3:05—4:15	Y5 and Y6	Hall/ Playground	Mrs Price and Mrs Broom
TimesTables	Tuesday and Wednesday lunch	Y6	Hazel Class	Miss Wooldridge and Mr Shelling
Maths Games Club	Wednesday lunch	Y3—Y5	Monkey Puzzle Room	Mrs Fielden
Volleyball	Wednesday 3:05—4:00	Y5 and Y6	Hall/ Playground	Mr Mayling
Performing Arts	Wednesday 3:05—4:00	Y3—Y6	Hazel Class	Mrs Harrison and Mrs Chivers
Girls Football	Wednesday 3:05—4:00	Y3—Y6	Playground	Academy Soccer Camp
Cooking Club for Boys	Wednesday 3:05—4:30	Y5 and Y6	Maple Class	Mrs Bundy and Mr Gilbert
Storytelling	Friday lunch	Y1 and Y2	Beech Class	Miss Gilbert
Change4Life Sports	Friday 3:05—4:00pm	Y3 and Y4	Hall/Playground	Mr Mayling
Skiing	Saturday 10:00—11:30	Reception—Y6	Torquay Alpine Ski Club	Mrs Stoneman and Mrs West