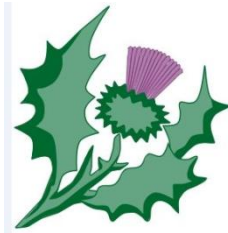


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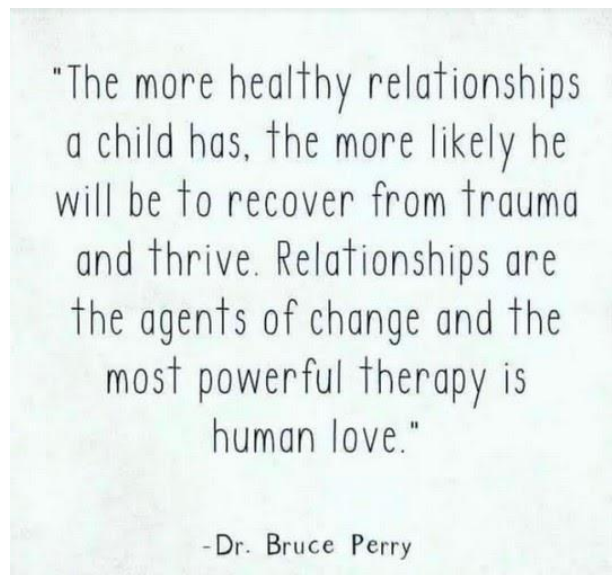
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9th July 2021 – End of Week 11 - Summer Newsletter #11

Dear Parents,

What really matters...



Arrangements for Monday Morning 12th July – late start if you want

Congratulations to the England football team who made it through to the Sunday final. It must have been all down to Year 4s' support and energy on Wednesday morning. Have a look at the playtime playground flag in our [SMSC Blog](#).

If your child is watching the match on Sunday evening, we are offering them a lie-in and a late start on Monday morning. Although we are still encouraging your child to be in at the correct time, they will not be marked as late until 10.00am.

Pandemic Update

As I'm sure you are aware, the government is planning to move to step 4 on 19th July. As there will only be 3 days of school term remaining we won't be making any significant changes to our practice until September.

If you are isolating due to having a positive PCR test and your children are isolating with you, if your child develops symptoms and goes on to have a positive PCR test, please ensure you inform us.

KINDNESS RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY ASPIRATION

The government has updated the guidance for what parents need to know. Here is a [link](#) to it for your reference and enjoyment.

School Governors

We are looking to recruit some more school governors. If you might be interested in this, please can you contact Karen Colmer, our Clerk to Governors and Business Manager. You can either phone the school office or email her directly on kcolmer@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk. You are also very welcome to chat to me on the gate or over the phone.

Parent Questionnaire

Working in partnership between home and school is really important for us to get right. Please help us review our school progress and plan for next year by completing this short survey which should only take about 5 minutes. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QHSG7KC>

Summer Holiday Activities and Opportunities

There are a range of events available in the Bay to you and your children. The full list of all the [free clubs in the summer holidays](#) along with all the details can be found in our 'Supporting Families' page under 'Wellbeing in Action'.

In addition, here are a few more events to note:

Go wild for reading with the Summer Reading Challenge!

Wild World Heroes launches on Saturday 10th July and runs until Friday 10th September 2021. You find out more in our [Reading Blog](#) and here [Devon Libraries](#) or here [Torbay Libraries](#).

Midsummer August Music

Has your child always wanted to play a musical instrument? Torquay Boys Grammar is hosting 3 experience days in August for any children aged 8-18. If you are interested you can find out more and book by clicking the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHuw6LmvKQudXmuFEeDCfW80QaX1gux_ON2WyvAKiF1D5YBA/viewform

Free Bus Travel in the Bay

Torbay Council are delighted to be able to offer free bus travel to families that are entitled to benefits related free school meals for the summer holiday period. If you would like the chance to travel on Stagecoach buses to explore Torbay, we are offering eligible families, five family day passes. Each pass will enable up to two adults and three children the ability to travel for free. (If you have a larger family we will provide additional tickets)

We hope that this will support you to take advantage of the many opportunities that the Bay has to offer.

If you are eligible and would like to receive these tickets please register your details using the link below

<https://forms.torbay.gov.uk/SummerBusTickets>

Registration to receive tickets closes on Friday 9th July 2021 at 5pm.

PTA Appeal

The current PTA is standing down and we desperately need some new parents to take up the mantle from September. We are seeking a Chairperson, a Treasurer and a Secretary. Please do make contact with the current team or let the office know if you might be interested. The PTA plays a huge part in school life and if we can return to normal working from September (fingers crossed) it would be great to be able to offer all the additional opportunities and much needed fund-raising. Please do approach us with any questions.

Have a lovely weekend.



Tim Hughes (Headteacher)