



St Margaret's Newsletter

Friday 17th May 2024

Learn every day help each other and be happy.

What a week! For any of our parental community who are unaware, this week has been KS2 SATS week. This involves the children sitting 5 tests: Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, Reading, Maths Arithmetic and two Maths Reasoning papers. This is a very intense week and I have to start the summary of this week by talking about just how proud we all are of our Year 6 children. The way they have conducted themselves this week has been exemplary and we have seen a strength of character and spirit that we know will serve them well as they continue to progress through school.

It has been brilliant to see how the school community pulls together during these times. The incidental conversations and kind words that have been spread across the school throughout the week have been a joy to behold. I would also like to say a big thank you to all of our parental community for supporting the Year 6 children this week. I know that this has been a draining week and the support from home has been invaluable in ensuring that the children were in and ready to do their best.

A huge thank you to FONS for donating the SATS breakfast for our children. Starting the day with a bacon or sausage bap, or fruit and a yoghurt was a great way for our children to start the day. We are so grateful to our brilliant kitchen team who came in especially to make this happen – thank you so much!

Across the school, we continue to develop our levels of pride and engagement with our learning. Year 3 have been doing some fantastic fraction work – I had some excellent explanations from Gracie! Year 4 have shown that they are really thinking about their writing – the use of similes as part of work on figurative language was fantastic, with one example being: 'As sweaty as a wet dog,'. Year 5 really impressed me with their Science work this week. They have been looking at how and why we get night and day on Earth – be sure to ask them to explain it to you!

I hope that you all have a fantastic weekend.

Sam Malyn

Our learning this week.

Year 3

In writing this week, we've been writing and editing our own version of a poem called 'The River' which includes metaphors and personification. In DT this week, Year 3 have been making our own puppets using mechanisms on card to move body parts/part of a scene. It took some time but we persevered and the outcomes were great! In PE, we have been improving our tag rugby skills, trying to pass backwards and tag each other which has been great fun! We've really enjoyed playing on the grass this week during our playtimes now that the weather is getting better 😊 A joke to finish the week...Who invented fractions? King Henry III (third)

Year 4

Year 4 have continued to enjoy learning all about the Tudor Monarchs. This week we found out about the reign of Mary I and the religious struggles that took place. We have continued with our Tudor portraits and the children are excited to start creating their final piece of work for display. In Science we have explored food chains and the children have started work on Time in Maths.

Year 5

We have had another very busy week learning about our Solar System. We can now name all the planets, in English and French, and identify them as rocky, gassy, and their order from the Sun (our life-giving star). We have started looking at the poem 'Daffodilly' by AA Milne and have discovered lots of personification, which we have then had a go at using in our own writing. Sadly, we were unable to complete our last PE lesson on orienteering as the Heavens opened – but it was a good excuse to play some very noisy Bench Ball in the hall instead!

Year 6

What a week! Well done Year 6, you have handled SATs week incredibly. You've been brave, worked hard and done us all proud. I think we're all looking forward to getting back to normal next week. We've enjoyed some down time this week after our tests, trips to the park, lots of sports and some creative work on the wet afternoons. Enjoy the weekend everyone, rest up and be content in the fact that you've done your best.

Class Teacher Awards.

Trust: Benjamin

Friendship: Oscar

Hope: Erin

Thankfulness: Alfie

Peace: Jesse

Forgiveness: Ann-Mariya

Wisdom: All of Wisdom Class

Compassion: All of Compassion Class

Messages from the Office.

Plymouth Aquarium Year 5

Please note we have had to change our departure from school time. **The coach will now be leaving at 07:50am.** Children will need to be in school and registered no later by 7:40am

Competition Time

To promote our children's love for reading, we would like you to send in a picture of your child reading in an unusual place / setting and give to your class teacher or email to karen.taylor@ventrus.org.uk These pictures will be displayed in our library area and there will be a small prize for the most creative. The winner will be announced on the last day of term in our celebration worship.

Medicines in school.

With lots of year group trips and sports day fast approaching please check that any medication your child needs is in school and is in date.

Spare Clothes

Please could we kindly ask that if your child has been given any of the schools' spare clothes supply, that these are promptly returned washed to the school office. Many thanks

Lost Property

We have lots of water bottles and coats (all unnamed) in our lost property store. If your child is missing either of these items, please pop into the office.

Sunny Weather

A quick reminder with the weather changing: Please ensure that your child has suncream on/with them, brings a drink bottle and a hat to school. Please make ensure all items are clearly named so that they are easily returned to your child if left lying around.

Sports Day Colours

Hartland: Black or Orange, Clovelly: Pink, Westward Ho!: Stripes, Appledore: White, Braunton: Red, Lundy: Green, Instow: Blue and Saunton: Yellow

Upcoming Key Dates

Year 4 Exmoor Zoo 21st May

Sports Day Wednesday 22nd May

FONs Bag 2 School collection from St George's 22nd May

Under 11's Girls Football Final at Newton Abbott 23rd May

Big Sheep Music Festival 23rd May

Pentecost Service 24th May (Baptists Church Westward Ho!)

Year 5 Plymouth Aquarium 4th June **leave at 07:50**

Year 6 Crealy 5th June leave at 08:30am

Summer Fayre Friday 28th June

MULTI-ACTIVITY HOLIDAY CLUBS

Date(s):

Monday - Friday

During the school holidays

Times:

Standard day - 09:00am - 16:00pm

Extended times:

Early-Bird Club - 07:30am - 09:00am

Extra-Time Club - 16:00pm - 17:30pm

Age range:

Mini Camp - 5-8years

Big Camp - 9-12years

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MAY HOLIDAY CLUBS

5 - 12 YEAR OLDS
7:30AM - 5:30PM

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Spaces available for our Ofsted registered summer holiday club run by Our Happy Place ltd at St Georges School, Northam.

Open daily:
Monday 29th July – Thursday 1st August
Monday 5th August – Thursday 8th August
Monday 12th August – Thursday 15th August

We run sessions from 8.30 – 4.30 for £35 per child.
8.30 – 12.30 for £20 per child.

We offer 10% discount for siblings.

Summer Holiday Club

Each day we have a selection of craft, toys, activities, outdoor play, and LOTS of fun.

Snacks and drinks provided throughout the day.

You'll need to provide a packed lunch for your child and suitable clothing, footwear, sun cream and hats.

For registration forms and bookings please contact Jemma at:
ourhappyplacelt@hotmail.com

