



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

### PTFA Christmas Disco

Last chance to purchase your child's ticket is on Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> November after school in the gazebo. Entry is by ticket only at a cost of **£3.00 per child!** The ticket price includes a drink and small snack.

If you are willing to help the PTFA run the disco and are DBS checked, please let the school office know or email the PTFA on [stmacptfa@gmail.com](mailto:stmacptfa@gmail.com)

### Year R applications – September 2020

Applications are now open for Reception Class September 2020. If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 you can apply online for a place through the Kent County Council website:-

[www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places)

Applications close on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Families are welcome to make an appointment to view any time. Please spread the word to anyone you know.

### Message from the Headteacher

#### Class 1 Wednesday Welly Walk

Children, staff and helpers in Class 1 continue to explore the village on a Wednesday. This week they went on a Winter Wonderland walk where they explored the village looking for Christmas pictures. Thank you to the village shops and businesses who displayed pictures for the children to find. They even managed to find some Christmas Lights and returned to school laden with a Christmas Tree for their class.

#### Nursery and Reception Class Mathematics Workshop

Mrs Collins hosted parent/carers from the Nursery and Reception Class at a maths workshop this week. Mrs Collins gave a brief overview of how we teach maths in Reception and talked about some ways parents can support their children at home. Following that the grown-ups all went to join their children in class or in the nursery setting to put into practice some of what they had explored. Finally, the children sang the counting songs 'Once I caught a fish alive' and '5 Little Speckled Frogs'.

#### Into Film Festival

Children in Classes 5 (8<sup>th</sup> November) and 3 (this week) have benefited from the free annual nationwide celebration of film and education for 5-19 year olds by visiting Cineworld in Dover to see 'The Adams Family' and 'Abominable' respectively. Class 5 also visited Dover Town Museum where they chose an item that interested them and researched it while Class 3 made use of facilities at St Mary's Dover to continue their learning linked to their class book 'The International Yeti Collective'.

#### PTFA Fundraisers

Tickets have been selling well for the forthcoming discos and donations came in thick and fast today for the children's tombola – thank you. Please do all that you can to support the PTFA in their festive fundraising events; we look forward to seeing you at the Christmas Fayre on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December and thank you in advance for your donations to the adult's tombola and cake stall.

Helen Comfort

### PTFA Mufti Day

The children may come to school on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> November wearing non-uniform in exchange for a prize for the adult's tombola stall for the PTFA Christmas Fayre- bottles to be brought to school office by an adult please.

### Santa by Lifeboat

Dover Lifeboat, Union Street, Crosswall Quay, Dover, CT17 9BN

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December 10:00am – 14:00pm

Santa is due to arrive by the lifeboat at 10:00am. See Santa and his elfish helpers arrive and you can then meet Santa in his grotto and receive a free gift. Prepare for Christmas with a chance to pick up some bargains in the shop and meet some of the lifeboat crew.



### Attendance

w/e 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

Class R – 98.7%  
Class 1 – 95.9%  
Class 2 – 96.6%  
Class 3 – 96.5%  
Class 4 – 98.9%  
Class 5 – 99%  
Class 6 – 94.5%  
Whole school – 97.1%



### Star Awards

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Due to the Class 5 Family Assembly this morning, Star Awards will be given out next week. Names will appear in next week's newsletter.

### The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### Last week of clubs

Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> November- LAST CHANCE - 3pm PTFA Christmas Disco Tickets on Sale in the gazebo

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November – PTFA Mufti Day (Adult's Tombola)

– Manwood's Maths Challenge – selected Year 6 pupils

– PTFA Discos – 3:15pm to 4:15pm Years R, 1 and 2

– 4:20pm to 5:30pm Years 3, 4, 5 and 6



Lunch Menu: Week 3

