



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 14th January 2022

Message from the Headteacher

School Office Staffing

You may have noticed a new voice on the telephone when calling the school. We welcome Mrs Donna Brown who is working mornings in the school office who has joined the office team as Administration Assistant.

Student Teachers

We will be welcoming 3 student teachers to school from Monday 17th January. Look out for a letter from Mrs Hindle with more information if they will be working in your child's class.

Reminder

Please do not drive onto the school driveway at drop off or pick up unless you have a disabled badge.

Kent Coast Volunteering - Good Neighbour Service

We have been asked to inform you of the Good Neighbour Service in the Dover District. Over the last year they have been able to 'Befriend' many of the lonely, isolated and shut-in elderly. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to know more about the services they offer please see attached flyer for more information.

Reception Class 2022

Applications to the local authority www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places for our new Reception Class 2022 close on Monday 17th January – please contact the school office for help with completing this if needed.

Covid-19

Please continue to use Lateral Flow Tests and to keep an eye on any symptoms which your child has – headaches, upset stomachs and generally feeling under the weather are all indicators that you or your child may have Covid-19, as well as the three main symptoms of a cough, temperature or change in taste/smell.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Helen Comfort

Message from Class 6

Since returning to school in 2022, year 6 have been fully submerged in the poem 'The Fish' by Elizabeth Bishop. We've analysed the text and discussed how the poet's interpretation of the fish changes as the poem progresses; from initially feeling proud of her catch to then realising how the fish has been victorious in its life. Using our understanding of the context, we've been able to write our own sonnets (including the 14 lines, ABAB rhyme scheme and a consideration for iambic pentameter). Our art work will be inspired by 'The Fish'.

Miss Brett

The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu – Week 3

Week commencing 17th January 2022

CLUBS CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, 17th January - Deadline to apply for Reception Class places September 2022

Thursday, 20th January – School Census Day – Children in Classes R, 1 & 2 please register for cooked school dinner





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Star Awards

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Class 1 – Aradhaya

Class 2 – Logan

Class 3 – Jack

Class 4 – Riley

Class 5 – Rylie

Class 6 – Alex



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Reminder: Applications close on **Monday, 17th January** for children due to start primary school in September 2022 (children born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018)

To apply for a place go to :-

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places.

Last Chance Flu Sessions

This weekend is the last chance for parents to get their child's flu vaccination if they missed out at school.

Appointments and walk-ins are available for anyone aged 4 to 16 who is either at school or home educated in Kent and Medway at

Pentagon Centre in Chatham

- Sunday 16 January, 9.30am to 4.30pm

Thanet Vaccines Site, Westwood Cross in Thanet

- Sunday 16 January, 8.30am to 2pm

Children DO NOT need an appointment to attend but parents can book a time if they prefer at <https://kchft.healthit.org.uk/patheks>

Further information about the annual flu vaccination for children can be found on the following link [website](#).

Coronavirus Symptoms

Updated Guidance

From 11 January in England, people without symptoms who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and get a PCR test (see below). They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.

Children or staff with any of the three symptoms of Covid:

- a new continuous cough;
- a fever;
- a change in taste or smell

are to stay at home and isolate. They should get a PCR Covid test.

To get a test go online to:

nhs.uk/coronavirus OR

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> OR

Telephone 111

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

Keeping School Informed

If your child tests positive for Covid you must inform the school – by telephone on 01304 852639 during the school day. If your child tests positive 'out of hours' we do not need to know until the morning of the first day of absence – as with all sickness absence.

