



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 16th September 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Meet the Teacher

Very many thanks to all of those of you who were able to join us for our open evening/meet the teacher event this week. We had a super turnout; so many children were proud to bring their grown-ups into school to share their classroom and their work with them. Thank you also for the positive feedback received.

Art Assembly Classes 1-6

Did your child speak with you about our art assembly this week? Hopefully you have read the letter which came out this week to explain about the family competition related to this. We look forward to seeing your creations!

Forest School

Forest School is up and running again with each class having a week of sessions in turn. You will be notified by letter prior to your child's lessons so that you can send in appropriate clothing according to the weather.

Long Hair

Please be reminded that hair which is longer than shoulder length needs to be tied back for school. This is to prevent it getting caught in anything causing injury and to help to reduce contact which leads to the spread of head lice.

School Photographs

Individual and family group school photographs were taken on Tuesday – your child will have brought home a ticket enabling you to place an order online for these.

School closed Monday 19th September 2022 for Queen Elizabeth II's Funeral

Please be reminded that school is closed on Monday to all staff and children as a mark of respect for the Queen on the day of her funeral. I am sure that many of you will take the time to watch the proceedings on television and to reflect on her long reign.

I wish you all a good weekend.

Helen Comfort
Executive Headteacher

Message from Class 5

Class 5 have settled in to their new term's learning really well. The children are all excited to be back together after the summer holidays and to be able to share experiences with their good friends. They are already discovering some amazing facts about our solar system in Science and have been using their powers of enquiry to research individual planets and compile some detailed information about these strange worlds.

We are studying the famous poem; 'The Highwayman' to discover the amazing descriptive language used to create the atmosphere of this tale of deceit and intrigue. The poet, Alfred Noyes, uses an exquisite amount of figurative language including, alliteration, metaphors, similes, imagery, and onomatopoeia. We have also been refining our understanding of place value in Mathematics and reminding ourselves of the clever use of Roman Numerals. An exciting and busy start to our new school year!

Mr Oliver

Oh yes we will or oh no we won't?!!

Many thanks to those Key Stage 2 families who have completed the Parentmail permission slip and sent in monies for the Pantomime trip.

We need to know about those who have not yet replied in order to make a decision about whether this trip can go ahead so if you have not yet completed the form, please do so early next week and definitely **by Friday, 23rd September**.

As stated before, **we cannot extend the deadline** as we have to return unsold tickets to the Marlowe Theatre. Your help with this is much appreciated.





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Coronavirus Symptoms

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Children and young people with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days (day of positive test is day 0), which is when they are most infectious.

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days (day of positive test is day 0), which is when they are most infectious.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in September.

Alice	Year 4
Tristan	Year 3
Sofia	Year 1
Jack	Year 4
Isabella	Year 3
Eloise	Year 1
Maisey	Year 1
Stanley	Year R
Noah	Year 4
Violet	Year 4
Ella	Year R



Star Awards

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Class 1 – Eden
 Class 2 – Mya
 Class 3 – Theo
 Class 4 – Lottie
 Class 5 – Matilda
 Class 6 – Chloe



Volunteer Helpers

Following the letter sent this week regarding school trips we will require parent helpers to assist the classes on their outings. If you are able to spare some time and would like to be a volunteer helper to accompany school trips, please email secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk with your full name and what you are volunteering for so that we can apply for a relevant DBS check.



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 19th September 2022

NO CLUBS!

Monday, 19th September

- SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY for Queen Elizabeth II's funeral

Tuesday, 20th September

- Class 5 Forest School session all week

Friday, 23rd September

- Marlowe Pantomime Trip deadline **NO EXTENSION CAN BE GIVEN TO THIS DEADLINE.**

Lunch menu: Week 3

Week commencing Monday, 19th September

£2.35 per day

Follow the link below to view the menu:

[Menu-September-2022.pdf](https://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/Menu-September-2022.pdf)
([wholeschoolmeals.co.uk](https://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk))

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

<https://www.parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm/>

