



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 30th September 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Harvest Celebrations

Huge thanks to all families with supporting us for our collection for Dover Foodbank this week. The children and staff enjoyed visiting Church and placing these items on the altar. Our Harvest Festival programme included readings and songs and we all thoroughly enjoyed being together and celebrating in this way. Congratulations to the staff and children in Lighthouse House who led this event.

Kwik Cricket

On Wednesday Mr Castle took a team of Year 3 and 4 children to a Kwik Cricket tournament at Deal Parochial Primary School. Mr Castle reports 'The team did fantastically well and won every game in their group stage. After a close game in the semi-final we won off the final ball. The final was similarly close but this time we lost off the final ball to finish Runners Up! Very well done to Alice, Dudley, Edie, Freddie, Gil, Holly, Jack and Violet. A special mention must go to Gil who captained the side superbly and performed well with bat, ball and in the field – a good all round performance.'

Oh yes we shall!

Very many thanks to Key Stage 2 families for responding so promptly to our recent letter. We have had an overwhelmingly positive response to our letter about the Marlowe Theatre Pantomime trip in December so I am very pleased to say that this trip will be going ahead. Further details will be confirmed nearer the time.

Absent Staff

We seem to be beset with ongoing periods of staff absence – mostly due to Covid! I am eternally grateful to all of our staff who so willingly undertake additional duties in order to cover for absent colleagues. Please bear with us during these challenging times.

Reception Class 2023

We are already starting to think about our next new Reception Class. Do you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019? If so, they will be eligible to start school in September 2023. We welcome families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.

Helen Comfort
Executive Headteacher

Message from Class 3

This week Class 3 have focused on the importance of creating a good setting in their writing!

We have learnt why a setting is important to the story, the different types of settings there are and how they can create mood for the story. We have been looking closely at the setting of our class book *The Creakers* and the town of Whittington. This, alongside other examples, has been the inspiration for drawing our own settings, which we have added descriptive sentences to using lots of new great vocabulary.

In Maths, Class 3 are moving on to addition and subtraction of numbers bonds, having finished our place value block of lessons.

In History, we have continued learning about the Stone Age this week focusing on their diet. We have learnt how humans began to work together as hunter-gatherers in order to outsmart other animals to make sure they were well fed. It is safe to say Class 3 much prefer the idea of going to their local supermarket!

Finally, next week is our Forest School week so please make sure suitable clothing and footwear is brought into school. We are hoping for great weather!

Mr Wratten





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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.

PTFA AGM

Our PTFA is a group of parents/carers who support the school through various fundraising initiatives. We warmly invite you to attend our annual meeting on **Tuesday, 18th October at 2:15pm at school**. A review of last year's activities, plans for this year's fundraising, committee membership and new ideas will be discussed over a cuppa, and we would be delighted to see you there! If you are interested in helping in any shape or form, but can't get along to the meeting, please do contact us at stmacptfa@gmail.com.

Thank you.



Census Day Thursday 6th October

We are asking all children in Classes R, 1 and 2 to register for a hot school meal on **Thursday, 6th October** as it is the school census day. We will only receive money to pay for your child's hot dinners, at any point during the year, if they eat a school meal on the census day. If you think your child may not eat well enough on census day you can of course send in a packed lunch too.

Star Awards

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Due to the Harvest Festival in Church this morning, Star Awards will be given out next week. Names will appear in next week's newsletter.

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 3rd October 2022

Monday, 3rd October

- Year 3 Forest School Sessions all week
- Nasal Flu Immunisations for Classes R to 6

Tuesday, 4th October

- Class 1 trip – see separate letter for details

Wednesday, 5th October

- 2:00pm Parent Information Meeting for Year 6 Residential trip

Thursday, 6th October

- School Census Day – all children in KS1 & Reception Class to please have a school lunch to secure their Infant Free School Meals funding for the year

Friday, 7th October

- Class 2 trip – see separate letter for details

Lunch menu: Week 2

Week commencing Monday, 3rd October

£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>

