



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

### Message from the Headteacher

#### Parent/Carer Consultations

Classes R to 5 Parent/Carer consultation meetings will take place on 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November in the school hall. You will have received information this week about booking an appointment time to meet with your child's class teacher. We look forward to welcoming you into school for these meetings.

#### Reception Class 2023

Applications for our Reception Class 2023 open on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022. 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 note the deadline for applications is Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Do spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.

#### New Lunch Menu

There will be a new lunch menu served from Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November. A copy of the menu will be sent with this newsletter.

#### Kwik Cricket

On Tuesday it was the turn of our Year 5 & 6 children to take part in a Kwik Cricket tournament at Deal Parochial Primary School. Mrs Saynor accompanied the children and reports 'The team played very well winning a couple of their games. I was particularly impressed to see the improvement over the tournament in their communication with each other and their ability to work as a team. Very well done to Arthur, Claudia, Elliot, Isla, Rosa, Thomas, Veronika and to Lewis who captained the side.'

#### Class 3 trip

Class 3 visited Kent Mining Museum at Betteshanger Country Park this week. On arrival the children began their first activity, looking around the museum searching for toy mice. The children took part in a range of interactive aspects of the museum and also had the chance to dress up as miners. Two miners both named Jim spoke to the children about their experience as miners and passed around their old equipment whilst explaining its uses and answering any questions. Each child was then able to make their own fossil to bring home. The trip was finished off with some time in the play park before heading back to school.

This week the management of Kent Mining Museum have emailed the school to say what a delightful class Year 3 were and how positively they engaged with the activities. Well done Year 3!

#### Class 4 trip

Class 4 had an exciting experience on Thursday as they travelled by bus to Dover museum to take part in a Roman artefact handling session. They were able to study Roman pottery, frescoes, shoes and games. After the museum they visited Il Rustico Italian restaurant to taste olives, bread, honey and figs.

#### Class 6 trip

Year 6 went to a Healthy Eating Jamboree yesterday. The children had a surprise visit from the Marlowe's Ben Roddy, dressed as Nurse Nellie, to remind them about healthy snacks and treats. The children were lucky enough to sample different produce from Bakkavor Salads in a range of ways including making their own salad bowl, sampling avocado chocolate mousse, guessing the flavoured dip (including beetroot and mushy pea flavours) amongst lots of other healthy tips. The children were laden with goodie bags, balloons and punnets of veg as they left. All in all, a great day out!

#### Class 5 Family Assembly

Year 5 shared their achievements at Bewl Water this morning in their Family Assembly. They told us how amazing the trip was and what a great time they had last week on their residential. One of the repeated words that came through the assembly was 'pride.' Pride in each other and pride in themselves as they tackled the challenges, they were introduced to. They clearly had a great week!

#### Term 2

Term 2 begins on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and we look forward to all children returning on that date. In the meantime I wish you all a good half term- break.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher





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### Message from Class R

Class R have settled in beautifully to their new learning environment and have spent the past term exploring our classroom, outside area, and making new friends. We have been focusing on routines, friendships and phonics.

We have learnt lots of new phonics sounds and started to learn how to blend our sounds to make words. We have read lots of stories, including 'The Little Red Hen', 'Elmer' and 'Supertato', where we discussed story structure, characters and the morals behind each story.

During our discovery time we've been super busy! We have built towers, created fantastic structures from junk modelling, strengthened our hands with playdough, deepened our understanding of number by counting, and relaxed and read stories with teddies.

The week after half term is Forest School, which we're so excited to explore! Hope you have a lovely half term!

Miss Owen

### 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

We held the PTFA AGM on Tuesday. The important fundraising work of the PTFA has provided the children with a range of additional opportunities and resources this last year and we would like to say a big 'thank you' to all members who have made this happen. I would like to take this opportunity to especially thank Mrs Sarah Noceda (Chair) and Mrs Amanda Whittington (Secretary) who have now stepped down from their position, for their sterling work and creative fundraising ideas during the pandemic and tenure as Chair and Secretary. I would like to thank Mr David Wiltsher who is continuing as Treasurer and Mrs Lorna Willis who has taken on the role as Secretary.

To enable our PTFA to continue we are, therefore, in need of a new Chair and, if possible a vice-Chair as well as members willing to help with events. For further information or to express an interest please email [secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk) so we can pass your details on.

### Star Awards

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Due to Class 5 Family Assembly this morning Star Awards will be given out next term and names will appear in the next weekly newsletter.





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### Royal British Legion

Poppies and other fundraising merchandise from The Royal British Legion will be on sale from **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022**. If children would like to bring in some money these items will be sold during morning breaktime. A separate letter with pricing details has been sent via parentmail.



### We need YOU!

As you can see from this week's newsletter, and previous letters and newsletters, we are aiming to get out and about with our classes as much as possible this year. As you will appreciate, we need volunteer helpers to accompany these trips; these can be parent/carers or grandparents. Anyone who volunteers (or works) at school in any capacity is subject to a full DBS check. If you have some time to give and would like to accompany any of our classes on a trip, please contact the school office.

### The Week Ahead!

#### Week commencing 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

##### Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> October

- Staff Training Day – pupils not required in school

##### Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November

- Start of term 2
- Class R Forest School sessions this week

##### Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November

- Applications open for Reception Class September 2023

### New Lunch menu: Week 1

Week commencing

Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022

£2.35 per day

See new menu with this newsletter

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

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

### Start of Term 2

Children return to school on  
**Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022**

