



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to Term 2! I hope you had an enjoyable time during the half term holiday. The approach to Christmas is always an incredibly busy time at school (and at home!) and we are looking forward to all of the social events which this term offers.

#### Staffing

You may have noticed a new member of staff opening the gates at the end of last term. We welcome Mr Nick Sutton who is our new Site Manager. We would like to once again thank Mr Dominic Castle for covering aspects of this role whilst we recruited for this position. At the end of Term 1 we said goodbye to Mrs Anneleise Gibbs, one of our Teaching Assistants, and would like to wish her well in her new venture.

#### Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings Classes R - 5

We are all really looking forward to seeing you at the parent/carers teacher meetings next week. Please come to the main reception entrance as meetings will be held in the hall. Your child's workbooks will be available for you to look at and you will each have a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher. Mrs Hindle and I will also be present so do take the opportunity to speak to us too if you wish.

Please do not come to the meeting if you have COVID or COVID symptoms. If you have children with you they should sit with you whilst you are waiting for your appointment and either join you at the teacher's table or continue to sit quietly on the waiting chairs; thank you for your support with this.

Our suggestion box will also be out for you to use if you have anything you would like us to consider; we look forward to your ideas!

#### Remembrance

Thank you very much for your support with the annual British Legion collection. We are pleased to say that all poppies have now been sold.

#### Governors

Each of our classes has a named governor or governors. We are very pleased to be inviting all governors into school on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November as they visit to explore mathematics teaching at school. They will meet with Mr Oliver our maths subject leader to hear about latest developments and will then spend time in class learning alongside the children!

#### Reception Class 2023

Applications for our Reception Class 2023 open today, you can apply online at [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)

We are very pleased to offer tours of the school for prospective new families – please telephone the school office to make an appointment. Mrs Hindle has already shown a number of prospective families around and has received very positive feedback from them.

Please note that the deadline for applications is 16<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Do spread the word to people you know who may be interested in a place in our next new class.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

### Star Awards

w/e 21<sup>st</sup> October & 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Class 1 – Grayson & Rafael

Class 2 – Isabelle S & Albie

Class 3 – Holly B & Ines

Class 4 – All of Class 4 & Harley

Class 5 – All of Class 5 & Reuben W

Class 6 – All of Class 6 & Hannah



### Reception Class 2023

Applications open for Reception Class September 2023 on **Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> November**. If you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019 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)

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### Message from Class 6

Year 6 have returned for term 2 full of determination and enthusiasm which has been wonderful to see. The children have been reading and retelling the story 'Kidnapped' through story mapping, book talk and drama. Next week they will be using the model text to inspire their own writing.

In maths, the children have been getting to grips with fractions and their equivalents, as well as comparing and ordering fractions by numerator and denominator.

Our new science topic is 'Light' which means we make our classroom very dark in order to carry out our practical experiments with torches - this week's weather has been perfect for making a dark classroom! The children proved how light travels in a straight line this week.

We're all keeping our fingers crossed for better weather for Forest School next week!

Miss Brett



### Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in November.

Eden	Year 1
Lydia	Year 4
Cassie	Year 2
Kieran	Year 4
Alfie	Year 1
Oleksandr	Year 4
Logan	Year 3
Luna Rose	Year 1
Oliver	Year 4
Charlotte	Year 6
Blake	Year R
Emily	Year 2
Aarohi	Year 1
Henry	Year 6
Charlotte	Year R
Emily	Year 2
Chloe	Year 6
Lewis	Year 6
Annabelle	Year 3



### 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.

### The Week Ahead!

#### Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

##### Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November

- Class 6 Forest School sessions this week
- 3:30pm to 6:30pm Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings for Classes R to 5 (by appointment)

##### Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> November

- 3:30pm to 6:30pm Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings for Classes R to 5 (by appointment)

### Lunch menu: Week 2

Week commencing

Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

£2.35 per day

[October-2022-Menu.pdf](https://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/October-2022-Menu.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>

