



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 18th November 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Anti-Bullying Week

We have been observing the national anti-bullying week over the last few days and it was great to see so many 'odd socks' on Monday to celebrate everyone being unique. Mr Oliver started the week with an assembly based on this year's theme of 'Reach Out'. Over the week our younger children have been talking about what it means to be kind to each other; focussing on this through looking at books such as, 'Macca the Alpaca' and 'Kindness is my Superpower'. They have also considered who to reach out to when someone is being unkind. Our older children have completed the annual Anti-Bullying survey and have looked at scenarios of group bullying and discussed how the characters could have prevented the bullying from occurring.

Children in Need

We have had a super day all dressed up in our yellow/spotty clothing in support of the BBC Children in Need appeal. Design a T-shirt pictures have been judged and the winners, announced in assembly this afternoon, received some Pudsey Goodies.

Congratulations to:

Years R winner: **Maia**

Years 1 and 2's winner: **Cassie**

Years 3 and 4's winner: **Gil**

Years 5 and 6's winner: **Veronika**

Thank you to all the children who entered their designs and made this such a hard decision!

The money has all been counted and the grand total for the day is **£356**. Well done and thank you to everyone for supporting this fund raising charity event, and a particular well done to the children and staff in Cliffe, who came up with the ideas for today.

Acrimboldo Art Competition

Thank you to those families who entered our first art competition following the success of our new art assemblies.

Congratulations go to Scarlet-Mae who was chosen as the overall winner. We are looking forward to seeing everyone's Van Gogh art work for our next competition.

Christmas Tree Festival at St Margaret's Church

Children in all classes have been busy planning and preparing our display for this year's Christmas Tree Festival at St Margaret's Church. If you are visiting the Church for the festival, please look out for our blue & silver decorated tree. In addition our Art & Craft club will be decorating a tree with decorations they have made at their recent club sessions. Children and staff will be visiting Church next week to enjoy everyone's contribution.

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

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 16th 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



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Class 1 – Eloise

Class 4 – Alice

Class 2 – Cassie

Class 5 - Mae

Class 3 – Charlie

Class 6 – Claudia & George

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Children In Need fundraising event.



We raised **£356!**





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Message from Class 4

This term Class 4 have started reading our new text of 'Romans on the Rampage' by Jeremy Strong – 'The King of Comedy'! We have identified the various characters and how they are connected with each other. There are many 'mini' stories within the text that we have discussed and begun to write about. We have looked at the structure of narrative writing and used this to help us plan our own story. Help us to look out for fronted adverbials in our reading (or even our newsletter) so we can apply them in our writing.

In our maths, we are practising column addition with exchanging. Class 4 have worked hard to solve problems using counters to demonstrate where the exchanging occurs. This will really help us when we move onto column subtraction next week.

Our Science work has taught us about our different teeth and the job they do. We have also begun to learn about volcanoes around the world and really enjoyed seeing them on Google Earth.

Christmas activities have already begun as we prepare for the Christmas Tree display in church, Christmas carols and the pantomime!

Mrs Byatt

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 Meeting

We warmly invite you to attend an extra-ordinary meeting of the PTFA at school on **Tuesday, 22nd November at 9am**. While enjoying a cuppa, we hope to appoint our new committee and plan activities and fundraising events. We would be delighted to see you there!



Reception Class 2023

Applications for Reception Class September 2023 are now open. If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st 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

Applications close on **16th January 2023**.

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 21st November 2022

Monday, 21st November

- Class 5 Forest School sessions all week
- Wear national coloured clothes to school

Tuesday, 22nd November

- 9am PTFA meeting to be held in the Reading Room at school

Lunch menu: Week 1

Week commencing

Monday, 21st November 2022

£2.35 per day

[October-2022-Menu.pdf](#)
(wholeschoolmeals.co.uk)

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

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

