



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

### Message from the Headteacher

**At last... it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!**

Today the tree has been decorated and the nativity has been set out. The decorated hoops will be hung in the hall early next week. It feels good to be getting into the Christmas spirit.

Hopefully you will all have seen the Christmas letter which came out this week which explains the arrangements for our Reception Class Stay and Play, Key Stage 1 Nativity, Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts and Christmas Dinner. Please respond to the parentmail form by the deadline of 30<sup>th</sup> November if your child would like a Christmas Dinner and we look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming school Christmas events.

#### England Vs Iran Football Match

On Monday there was cheering heard all around the school as we watched England's first group match in the World Cup. Watching the match in their classes the children were delighted to see 6 goals scored by the England team. It was lovely to see them dressed in national colours and supporting the team.

#### Year 6 - Winter Lanterns

We have been very lucky to be invited to take part in Dover's Winter Lantern Procession again this year. On Thursday Year 6 had some artists in class for the day running a workshop. Using willow and paper they created beautiful lanterns which will now have LED lights added. On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December they will take part in a procession in Dover, with their families and other local schools. This sounds as though it will be a wonderful start to their Christmas activities.

#### Christmas Tree Festival at St Margaret's Church

The children and staff did a marvellous job in putting our tree display together for this year's tree festival. All classes have visited the Church this week and enjoyed seeing all of the other entries. The festival continues throughout the weekend on Saturday and Sunday.



#### PTFA

The PTFA met this week to formalise the new committee. I am very pleased to say Rachel Rix and Erika Elms have agreed to Co-Chair the PTFA along with Lorna Willis as Secretary and David Wiltsher as Treasurer. Please see their 'Hello!' and information regarding their first fundraising event - a Christmas Jumper and Cake Sale - overleaf.

#### Staff Absence

I am afraid that Mrs Hindle has been unwell all week and therefore absent from work. It is likely that she will continue to be absent next week as well. Supply teacher(s) have been employed during this time to release Miss Brett or Mr Oliver from class so that there is capacity in school on the days that I work at St Mary's CEP. As you will imagine I keep regular contact with staff via email and telephone on the days I am not here. We are aiming to have all services operational as usual but do please bear with us during this period of absence.

As always, please don't hesitate to raise any questions or concerns via the school office email or telephone.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

**Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher**

### Message from Class 3

This week has been a very busy one for Class 3 as we enter the festive period.

We continued to finish our snowflake displays for the church and our school Christmas hoop, they all look great! We listened to Christmas songs whilst we created them and are also learning a Christmas song of our own.

In English we have started a new book called Star by Holly Webb and based our English work around this with class 3 making predictions of what will happen next and drawing some amazing pictures to accompany their work on 'If I had a tiger for the day...'

In Maths class 3 have continued to learn about multiplication and division, I am very pleased with the progress of the whole class.

**Mr Wratten**





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### Star Awards

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Class 1 – George

Class 2 – May

Class 3 – Jack

Class 4 – Myla

Class 5 - Freya

Class 6 – Braylen



### Christmas Post

**Christmas post box opens on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November!**

Please ensure all envelopes have name and class written clearly.



### Christmas Events

The response deadline is **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**. You must respond to the online form if you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner. Responses are also required for 'Stay and Play' for Class R and extra ticket requests for the KS1 Christmas Play.

### The Week Ahead!

**Week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Last Week of Clubs for this term**

**Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November**

- Class 4 Forest School sessions all week
- Christmas Post Box is open for business!

**Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November**

- Deadline for response for all Christmas events (see separate forms on parentmail)

**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December**

- KS2 Pantomime trip – see separate letter for details

### 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.

### 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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places)

Applications close on 16th January 2023.

### Lunch menu: Week 2

**Week commencing**

**Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**£2.35 per day**

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

To pay for your meals online, please go to:  
<https://www.parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm>





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### Hello from the PTFA

Say hello to the new PTFA! We have just been sworn in at the EGM and are very much looking forward to meeting you all during the course of the year. We are grateful for any support of the parents and staff as fundraising will not be possible without you!

We will be advertising any events on the notice board outside the office (facing the playground) and we are setting up a Facebook page also-so stay tuned!

From left: Lorna Willis (Secretary), Erika Elms (Co-chair), Rachel Rix, (Co-chair),  
The Stig of Accounts (Treasurer)

