



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

### Message from the Headteacher

#### Christmas Preparations

It's been a busy week for our children and staff who are preparing for some wonderful Christmas events next week. Classes 1 and 2 are having a great time rehearsing their nativity play 'A King Is Born' to perform to the school and their families and there is lots of lovely singing around the school as our Key Stage 2 classes get ready for our Carol Services.

The Year 6 postmasters are carrying out a very efficient postal delivery service in school! The post box will remain open until the end of term; all envelopes to be clearly marked with name and class please.

#### Puppet Workshop in Class 2

On Thursday, Class 2 had a puppet making workshop ahead of their trip to the Gulbenkian theatre. Miss Fordham reports 'The children discussed different types of puppets and spoke about the story of 'The Frozen Moon'. They created characters or animals who could have been in the story and even designed their homes. They had a great time and their puppets looked fantastic!'

#### Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6 Trip to Marlowe

Also on Thursday, Key Stage 2 had a super time at the Marlowe Theatre Pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty'. There was plenty of audience participation, singing and cheesy jokes! Snacks during the interval kept everyone going until a late lunch back at school.

#### PTFA Christmas Jumper & Cake Sale

The PTFA will be collecting donations of any unwanted and unloved Christmas Jumpers in the gazebo at pick up time on Monday 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. This is in preparation for their Christmas Jumper and Cake Sale fundraising event at 3pm on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December.

#### Van Gogh Art Competition

We are looking forward to seeing your portraits in the style of Van Gogh for our current art competition. Please remember entries need to be in by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December ready to be judged.

#### Reception Class 2023

Applications for our Reception Class 2023 are now open, 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.

#### Mrs Hindle

As mentioned in last week's newsletter Mrs Hindle has continued to be absent from work this week. As of today she is still unwell and we are not expecting her to return to work just yet.

#### Cold Weather is on the way - brrrr!

According to the weather forecast it is due to become very cold next week - time to dig out those hats, scarves, gloves and extra layers!

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher





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### Message from Class 2

This term Class 2 have been working really hard to learn lines and the songs for our Nativity 'The King is Born'. Each one of them has put in so much effort, time and enthusiasm to make the performance brilliant and we cannot wait to show you next week.

The children have enjoyed our history topic where we have looked at The Great Fire of London. They have produced a fantastic collage representing the fire and the wooden houses and can recall the key facts from this event. The children have really enjoyed learning facts from a song.

All the adults in Class 2 have been amazed at how enthusiastic the children have been about reading since the beginning of the year. We all really enjoy our guided reading sessions where the children are engaged in their reading and are able to take part in group discussions about the book. Watching everybody's confidence and love for reading grow has been wonderful to see!

Keep up the fantastic reading!

Miss Fordham

### Birthdays

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

Rosa	Year 3
Jake	Year 6
Georgina	Year 2
Jack	Year 3
Aaron	Year 4
Quinn	Year R
Aradhya	Year 2
Daniel	Year 1
Isabelle	Year 2
Christopher	Year 2
Mae	Year 5
Finley	Year R
Veronika	Year 5
Lilia	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.





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### Star Awards

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Class 1 – Primrose

Class 2 – William

Class 3 – All of Class 3

Class 4 – Lydia

Class 5 – Sophia

Class 6 – All of Class 6



### Lunch menu: Week 3

Week commencing

Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022

£2.35 per day

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

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

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

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

### The Week Ahead!

**Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**NO CLUBS THIS WEEK**

**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> December**

- **2pm** KS2 Carol Concert
- **3pm** PTFA collecting donations of Christmas jumpers

**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December**

- **2pm** KS2 Carol Concert
- **3pm** PTFA collecting donations of Christmas jumpers

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December**

- **2:30pm** KS1 Nativity in the school hall (by ticket only). Doors open at 2:15pm
- **Deadline** for response for Class 3 & Class 1 term 3 trips
- **3pm** PTFA collecting donations of Christmas jumpers

**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**

- **2:30pm** KS1 Nativity in the school hall (by ticket only). Doors open at 2:15pm

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**

- **Classes R, 1 & 2 trip** (see separate letter for details)
- **Deadline** for response for Class 2 term 3 trip
- **3pm** PTFA Christmas Jumper and Cake Sale

