



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 6th January 2023

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023. Children and staff have returned to school in fine spirits and are ready for the challenges which lie ahead this term.

Staff Training

Teaching staff spent the day on Tuesday, 3rd January in training to develop exciting ways to help children remember their learning.

Clubs

Clubs started again this week. We are very pleased to offer such a range of clubs to the children, they certainly enjoy them. If your child is not yet part of an extra-curricular club and would like to be, please enquire at the school office as to which clubs have spaces.

Warm Clothing

It is that time of year when the temperature really drops – please ensure that your child has plenty of warm clothing to protect them when they are outside.

Hold the Date

I am pleased to be able to confirm that the team at the Pines Calyx in the Pines Gardens, St Margaret's are allowing us, once again, to use their venue for our annual art exhibition. Over the next couple of weeks all classes will be producing work and you are cordially invited to visit the exhibition at the Pines Calyx on Tuesday, 24th January. Each class will walk down to visit the exhibition during the day; you will be informed in advance of when your child's class will be visiting so that you can attend at the same time if you wish.

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

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

Message from Class 6

Year six children have come back into school bright eyed and bushy-tailed, ready for an exciting term ahead! We have already kickstarted our English poetry unit - 'The Fish' by Elizabeth Bishop which is a 76-line single stanza poem. The speaker catches a fish and then looks in depth at the colours, layers of skin, and its 'five-haired beard of wisdom', amongst other aspects, before deciding to let the fish go. Our art work for this term will be linked to this as well. The children have begun converting metric units in maths this week and they will begin comparing miles and kilometres, as well as other imperial units, next week. In science the children have begun their electricity unit, which will ultimately lead to them designing their own scarecrow (complete with electronic features) for a farmer and presenting it in a Dragon's Den style. Lots of exciting things are happening in Class 6 this term!

Could I please remind year 6 parents now that Christmas is over to please return the sticks and bulbs from the winter lanterns. The organisers will be arriving in school to collect these back in to reuse for next year's Winter Light Up.

Thank you, Miss Brett





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Star Awards

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Class 1 – Harry

Class 2 – Lexi

Class 3 – Laila

Class 4 – Seth

Class 5 – Isla

Class 6 – Jack



Lunch menu: Week 2

Week commencing

Monday, 9th January 2023

£2.41 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>

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 9th January 2023

Monday, 9th January – Class 3 Forest School session– please see letter for details.

Tuesday, 10th January - Class 2 Trip– please see letter for details.

- Class 6 Swimming - please remember swimming kit/towel, etc.

- Class 3 Forest School session– please see letter for details.

Wednesday, 11th January - Class 3 Forest School session– please see letter for details.

- Class 6 Trip – please see letter for details

Thursday, 12th January - Class 3 Trip – please see letter for details.

- Class 2 Trip– please see letter for details.

Friday, 13th January – 9am – Class 4 Family Assembly

– Class 3 Forest School session every day this week – please see letter for details.

– Response deadline for parents in Classes R, 1 and 2 for 'My Mum' supplement

