



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 13th January 2023

Message from the Headteacher

It's been a week of exploration beyond the school!

Class 2 trips – Dover and St Margaret's

Class 2 fitted in two trips this week – one by using the local bus and the other on foot. The children were extremely excited to be catching the local bus into Dover!

With regards to the visit on Tuesday to Dover Museum, Miss Fordham reports - 'Despite the weather, Class 2 had an enjoyable trip to Dover on Tuesday. They were very excited to be getting the bus and were not put off by the rain! At the museum, the children looked at models of Dover through different periods of time and were able to compare it to the town now. They looked at the different shops and traffic in the town and produced a tally chart'.

Today the children were out and about exploring the village on foot – we were thankful for a dry day for them this time! During their walk around the village, the children compared the features of St Margaret's to those of Dover. They used a 'Village Hunt Checklist' to identify all the key characteristics of a village. Miss Fordham again: 'These trips have been very helpful for the children in seeing and understanding the key differences between towns and villages.'

Class 6 trip – St Margaret's

On Wednesday, Class 6 ventured out into the village for a day of litter picking. Miss Brett reports – 'Armed with gloves, sacks and litter pickers, the children walked down to the bay, back up and along to the park and then back to school. Once back at school, the rubbish was sorted; some was saved to be used for an art project while the rest was responsibly disposed of. The children were even thanked by some passers-by for their efforts in making the village a cleaner place!'

Class 3 trip – British Museum, London

On Thursday, Class 3 travelled by coach to London and had an amazing time at the British Museum! Mr Wratten reports - 'We managed to see so many Ancient Egyptian artefacts - some of the children even found it hard to believe they were real! The class were astounded by how detailed the hieroglyphics and sculptures were whilst being so old! Thank you to all parents for their understanding with our delayed return'.

Class 4 family assembly – Blowing their Top!

Class 4 welcomed their families into our assembly this morning. Through fact-sharing, art work and song they spirited us away to places around the world which have volcanoes.

Reception Class 2023

Applications for our Reception Class 2023 close on **Monday 16th January**, you can apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places

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 5

We are all excited to start 2023, a New Year. We have begun this term studying William Blake's famous poem "The Tyger" which was written over 200 years ago in 1794. We have already discovered how the poet compared the beauty of the majestic tiger against the fierce side of its character as it stalks its prey deep in the dark jungle. We have composed our own individual poems in the style of Blake's 'The Tyger'. We are having great fun creating our very own tiger collages inspired by Blake's poem. We first examined tiger photographs and paintings depicting wild tigers. We then used these images to help us breathe life into our watercolour portraits.

Our class story this term is 'The Train to Impossible Places'. The story opens dramatically when the main character, Suzy, is awoken by strange train sounds within her own home. Her adventure begins on 'The Impossible Postal Express', with Fletch the engineer, J.F. Stonker the driver, Wilmot the Postmaster and Ursel the blonde bear. She realises that the trolls have no choice but to allow her to join their late-running train! The story will provide us with inspirational description to help us create our own dramatic, exciting stories. In science we have begun experiments comparing friction and gravity. We constructed paper autogyros and tested their aerodynamics. In gymnastics we have learnt, perfected and then performed to each other different styles of rolls and balances developing our core body strengths. Together these form an exciting learning journey for the new year ahead.

Mr Oliver





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Star Awards

w/e 12th January 2023

- Class 1 – Arlo
- Class 2 – Oliver
- Class 3 – Theo
- Class 4 – All of Class 4
- Class 5 – Zander
- Class 6 – All of Class 6



Reception Class 2023

Reminder: Applications close for Reception Class September 2023 on Monday, 16th January. 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

Lunch menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 16th January 2023

£2.41 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>

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 16th January 2023

Monday, 16th January

- **Class 2 Forest School sessions all week** – please see letter for details.
- **Deadline** to apply for Reception Class places September 2023

Tuesday, 17th January

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

Wednesday, 18th January

- **Class 5 trip** – please see letter for details

Thursday, 19th January

- **School Census Day** – Children in Classes R, 1 & 2 please register for cooked school dinner

Friday, 20th January

- **Class 1 trip** – please see 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.

Art Exhibition



When?
Tuesday, 24th January 2023
9:15am to 2:30pm

Where?
Pines Calyx, Pines Gardens,
St. Margaret's Bay

Children and staff will be visiting the exhibition according to the timetable below. If you would like to coincide your visit with the relevant class please note these times are approximate and do include walking to and from the Pines Calyx. You are, of course, welcome at any time between 9.15am and 2.30pm.

Classes	Leaving School	Art Exhibition	Leave to walk back to School
R, 3 & 6	9:15am	9:45am	10:30am
1 & 4	10:00am	10:30am	11:15am
2 & 5	1:15pm	1:45pm	2:30pm

