



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Message from the Headteacher

#### Facebook

I am pleased to confirm the launch of our new school facebook page. Whilst we did have a facebook page for a number of years for some reason (unbeknown to us) we lost access to it. Please do 'like' our new page:

[www.facebook.com/stmargaretsatcliffe](http://www.facebook.com/stmargaretsatcliffe)

The PTFA have also set up a new facebook page—this can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1491125598056453>

#### School Governors

Governors came together this week for their termly meeting. As well as the standard official business – reviewing the budget, approving policies etc – they reflected on recent visits into classes. At the end of last term all governors visited school to find out about maths teaching. They met with Mr Oliver, our mathematics subject leader, and then visited all classes to join in the maths lessons. They were interested to see how the plans and procedures which Mr Oliver spoke about were delivered in practice. More recently Governors have visited all classes to learn about the teaching of reading after meeting with Miss Brett, our English subject leader. We are grateful to our Governors for the time and attention they give to school matters.

#### Class 5 trip

Class 5 enjoyed an exciting day exploring the many fascinating places around St Margarets at Cliffe. Mr Oliver reports 'We took a scenic walk down to the amazing beach; discovering frost glistening in the early sunlight. We found a sheltered spot against the sea wall to admire and sketch cliff views. We used our orienteering skills, map reading to follow the hidden footpaths through the village to study ancient grave stones and their history at the church. We then sketched the victorian architectural details of the library building. Our explorations culminated in our discovery of a hidden vineyard nestled amongst the sunny slopes of our fascinating village.'

#### Class 1 Trip

Today year 1 have been to Dover Museum to do a workshop linked to our history topic 'Toys through the ages'. Miss Moloney reports 'First, we started with a clay workshop where we made clay models of a teddy bear. We learned different techniques and how to join pieces of clay together. You will be able to see these at the art exhibition next week! Then, we had an artefact handling session where we learned about how toys have changed over the years. After that, we had the chance to look at the Bronze Age Boat and the main museum. We had a very busy but fun day!'

#### Art Exhibition

Children in all classes are continuing to enjoy putting the finishing touches to the pieces they have been working on for our annual art exhibition. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next week at the exhibition at The Pines Calyx - see details on this newsletter.

Have a good weekend – stay warm and safe on the ice!

**Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher**

### Message from Class 4

Class 4 welcomed us all back to a new year with our family assembly about volcanoes. They all worked really hard in a short space of time to learn their lines, practise the song and remember their queues. Well done to all of them for demonstrating resilience and respect in their performance. Thank you also to our parents for supporting them in learning their lines at home and viewing the assembly on Friday.

In our English, we have begun to look at traditional tales. We have talked about the themes; including 'good vs bad', 'happy endings' and the 'power of 3'. In our grammar work, we have been identifying fronted adverbials, inverted commas and expanded noun phrases. Ask your child to show you these in their reading books.

We continue to learn our times tables as part of our maths lessons. We have been focussing on the patterns between the 3, 6 and 9 times table and will swiftly be moving on to the 7, 11 and 12 times tables. Please do encourage your child to access Times Tables Rock Stars and practise these tables regularly.

We have also spent this last week creating our art pieces for display at *The Pines*. We have focussed on the work of Vincent Van Gogh, identifying the styles of his paintings to help us create our own painting of flowers. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible next week.



**Mrs Byatt**





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### Birthdays

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

Albert	Year 2
Elliot	Year 6
Daisy	Year 4
Bella	Year 3
Adam	Year 1
Rory	Year 4
Isabelle	Year 2
Renon	Year 6
Reagan	Year 6



### Star Awards



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- Class 1 – Poppy
- Class 2 – Nicholas
- Class 3 – Sophie
- Class 4 – Sienna
- Class 5 – Liza
- Class 6 – Jake

### Art Exhibition

**When?**  
**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> 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



### Coronavirus Symptoms

On Tuesday 29 March 2022, 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 2022.

#### 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

##### Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January

- Class 1 Forest School sessions all week – please see letter for details.

##### Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> January

- Art Exhibition – see details on this newsletter for individual class visit times
- Class 6 Swimming - please remember swimming kit/towel, etc.

### Lunch menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

£2.41 per day

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

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

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

