



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Message from the Headteacher

#### British Science Week

This week has been British Science Week and we have been celebrating this in school with all things science! The theme of the week has been 'Connections'. The children have been taking part in activities throughout the week planned to get them excited and engaged about science. Years 3, 4 and 6 investigated connections between fingerprints. It was interesting to see how each class had taken this in different ways. Year 3 counted the whirls, arches and loops. Year 4 tried using different ways to take the fingerprints such as pencil, charcoal and flour. They found out some worked better than others. Year 6 collected lots of data and even presented it in a graph. Year 2 had looked at connections between plants and animals in the environment and created food webs. Years 1 and 5 explored connections through building bridges. They tried out different designs to see which was the strongest to hold weights.

Yesterday, in a 'Show and Tell' assembly, each class presented one of the activities they had taken part in. They showed us what they had been doing and shared their findings with the school. Science Week is a great opportunity for science to take centre stage and for the children to get involved, and really embrace how exciting science can be!

#### Class 3 Trip

Class 3 had a wet but wonderful explore around St Margarets village this week. During their visit to the village, they discussed different human and physical geographical features they could see. The class discovered new information about how the village previously looked and how it has developed over the years. The children thoroughly enjoyed having their morning break time at the local park. They had a wonderful time and the rain certainly didn't dampen their spirits!

#### Year 4 Enterprise Event

Please note information elsewhere in this newsletter about this event which is taking place next week.

#### Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you to those of you who were able to meet with the staff this week for our parent/carers consultation meetings. I hope you enjoyed looking at your child's workbooks and speaking to the staff about how your child is progressing with their learning. We look forward to seeing those of you whose appointments are next Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> March) and would like to thank you for your understanding regarding the change of date. Thank you also to the PTFA members who ran the second-hand uniform and coffee stalls – these will be available also on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> so do please bring some cash!

#### Farewell to Mr Wratten

We have said farewell to Mr Wratten today following his time in Class 3 as maternity cover. We thank him for his work and wish him well in his future ventures.

#### Coronation of King Charles III

We will be marking the occasion of the coronation of the King on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May. At the moment plans include a tea party in the afternoon – bring food to share – and the wearing of decorated crowns to be made at home. I thought you might like to start thinking about crown-making and gathering ideas/resources.

Have a lovely weekend.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

### Message from Class 4

Class 4 have enjoyed our Science week with several experiments taking place. We looked at the theme of 'Connections' and studied our fingerprints by pressing them into flour and then onto black card. Unfortunately, this method wasn't as successful as we hoped but it generated a discussion around the things we would change that may improve the results. We talked about the fact that not all experiments work and that scientists have to keep trying different strategies and methods to get their best answers. We also tried making balloon kebabs and gravity defying water. Watch out for these at home!

We have also been thinking about our Enterprise Week which starts next week. We will be looking at persuasive writing in our poster making and calculating costs as part of our maths. Please look out for further details coming to each class, with activities planned for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We are also busy practising our musical piece for the Spring Concert and look forward to sharing it with you in our last week of term.

Mrs Byatt





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### Attendance

Whole School  
attendance  
13/03/23 - 17/03/23

**94.5%**

Whole School  
attendance  
05/09/22 - date

**94.6%**

### 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.

### Lunch menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 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>

### The Week Ahead!

**Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Extra-Curricular Clubs have finished for this term.**

**Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March**

- Class 2 Forest School Sessions all week – please see letter for details
- Response and payment deadline for Terms 5 & 6 clubs
- Response deadline to request tickets for Spring Concerts (Years 1 – 6)
- Response and payment deadline for Class R trip

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March**

- Class 5 Swimming - please remember swimming kit/towel, etc.

**Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

- Deadline to bring in membership cards (for those that have them) for Classes 1 & 2 trip
- Response deadline for Class R Stay & Play session
- Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings from 3:30pm (by appointment)
- Pre-loved School Uniform sale and tea/coffee by the PTFA during Parent/Carer Consultation evening

**Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March**

- Response and payment deadline for Class 6 Hoodies





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### Class 4 Enterprise Week

Next week, the children in year 4 will be busy becoming entrepreneurs! The children will be working to design and create Easter treats and an interactive experience for the children to take part in. They will be selling their chocolate treats to children across the school during break times on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**. The experience will take place during the school day on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to allow for each class to take part. Visits to the experience will cost £1.50 and the Easter treats will be £1.

The purpose of Enterprise Week is to teach the children about creating a business as well as how to manage their budget and profit. Of the monies raised, half will be donated to a charity of the children's choice while the other half will be spent on a treat for the class.

If your child wishes to bring in some money to spend, please ensure it is in a named purse or wallet. The children will be making enough items so that there is enough for each child to purchase something and take part in the experience, should they wish.

Thank you  
Mrs Byatt

### Clubs

Please note that all extra-curricular after school clubs have now finished for the term and all children need to be collected at 3.15pm every day. Letters have been sent home this week for you to confirm your child's place at their club/s for Terms 5 & 6. Please ensure payment is made to the school and slip returned by the morning of **Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023**.

### Star Awards

w/e 17<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Class 1 – Alfie

Class 2 – Matilda

Class 3 – Ruby

Class 4 – Daisy

Class 5 – Darshhi

Class 6 – Caitlin, Lucie, Rylie & Samuel

### Save Our Wild Isles

Transition Dover, a local volunteer-led community group bringing people together to create a greener and more sustainable future for Dover, have asked us to share the links below with our parent/carers. Following the start of the new David Attenborough 'Wild Isles' series on BBC we are all being encouraged to take part in protecting nature. Please take a look at the links below and sign up if you would like to.

<https://connect.open.ac.uk/wildisles> Link to order a free paper copy of the Open University 'Wild Isles' poster.

<https://www.saveourwildisles.org.uk/community> Link to sign up for weekly updates, including opportunities for young people to get involved.



#### In Your Community | Save Our Wild Isles

Be part of the change in your community: creating wilder spaces, making nature part of our lives and speaking up...

