



Message from the Headteacher

Dover District Summer Reading Challenge

Heidi da Costa, one of Dover Districts' Librarians emailed Miss Brett this week to say:

'I'm delighted to say that St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School are the top of the Dover district Summer Reading Challenge league table, with 46 children (24.3%) having read 6 books over the summer holidays and completing the challenge. Congratulations to you all!'

This is a fantastic achievement – well done to all involved and thank you to the families who supported their children in continuing to engage with reading over the summer break. Heidi is now in the process of booking in a date to present the winner's trophy in one of our assemblies.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs will commence next week. Letters have been sent home regarding places allocated and payment information. If you haven't already done so please return the reply slip by Monday morning at the latest. I thank all staff who give their time to provide these additional opportunities. Please be reminded that it is a condition of attendance that all children – including Year 6 – are collected from clubs by an adult (aged 18+). Thank you for your support with this matter.

Harvest Celebrations

Bay House are leading Classes 1 – 6 in their harvest festival preparations and service next Friday. Our Reception class children will be having their own harvest celebration with St Margaret's Nursery on Thursday. Once again we are going to collect items for Dover Foodbank – see separate item on this newsletter and letter of 18th September for further details. I thank you in advance for your support with this.

Reception Class 2024

We are already starting to think about our next new Reception Class. Do you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020? If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2024. We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher





Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 22nd September 2023

Message from Class 4

Class 4 have had a busy first few weeks back at school in which we have painted Roman shields, learnt about phishing with Bob, begun to learn a Roman song, found out about Mrs Gren, and even fractured our portraits! In English, we have used picture mapping and acted out an explanation text about How a Jellyfish Stings, which we are using as our model to write about How a Spider Catches its Prey. We have learnt lots of new scientific words, such as 'nematocysts'!

Our maths has focussed on the place value of each digit within a 4-digit number. We have learnt how to flexibly partition them, place them on a number line and find more or less. We have also started practising our times tables which are really important this year – please keep practising them at home on Timestables Rockstars.

Next week we are getting ready for Forest School... don't forget your wellies... and tinned foods for our Harvest Service.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Byatt

Clubs start this week

Club	Day & Time
Boys' Football	Monday, 3:15 – 4:15
Girls' Football	Monday, 3:15 – 4:15
Netball	Tuesday, 3:15 – 4:15
Reading	Tuesday, 3:15 – 4:15
Maths is Fun	Tuesday, 3:15 – 4:15
Times Tables	Tuesday, 3:15 – 4:15
Choir	Wednesday lunchtime
Craft	Thursday, 3:15 – 4:15
Art	Thursday, 3:15 – 4:15
Construction	Thursday, 3:15 – 4:15
Car Club	Friday, 3:15 – 4:15

There are a few spaces left in the following clubs: Reading, Times Tables, Football & Netball. If your child is interested in joining one of these clubs, please see the office staff.

Harvest



Please send harvest gifts to school on Friday, 29th September. We will be very grateful to receive any items of **microwave rice, milk, instant noodles, fruit juice, sponge pudding, tinned fruit, tinned meat, pasta sauce, coffee and toilet rolls.** We would ask that you do not include glass jars.

Star Awards

w/e 22nd September 2023

Class R – Freya
Class 1 – Harry
Class 2 – Grayson
Class 3 – Camille
Class 4 – Annabelle
Class 5 – Jack
Class 6 – Max



Attendance

Whole School attendance

18/09/23 - 22/09/23

95.5%

Whole School attendance

05/09/23 - date

96.3%

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 25th September 2023

CLUBS START THIS WEEK!

Monday, 25th September

- Class 4 Forest School Sessions this week – please see letter for details

Thursday, 28th September

- Reception Class & Nursery Harvest celebration

Friday, 29th September

- Harvest Festival - Years 1 to 6
- Class 5 Residential Trip – full payment deadline

Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 25th September 2023

£2.41 per day

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