



Message from the Headteacher

Harvest Festival

Classes 1 to 6 celebrated Harvest at the church this morning with this year's service led by Bay House. Our Bay House captains Mae Rosen and Arthur Warner have reported: 'This year for our Harvest Festival we talked about food miles. We used a pizza to show how far the ingredients have travelled before being made into food' – *Mae Rosen*. 'As house captains we helped the staff collect the food for the Dover Foodbank' - *Arthur Warner*

Thank you for all the food and household items that you have sent in. They will now join the church's harvest collection and soon go over to the Dover Foodbank.



Reception Class & St Margaret's Nursery Harvest Celebration

Reception class and St Margaret's Nursery joined together for their Harvest Celebrations at St Margaret's Church this week. Whilst at the church the children learned about the story of Ruth and Naomi, completed some craft activities in groups and altogether sang Dingle Dangle scarecrow. The children then put their Harvest donations up by the altar before returning to school.

Reading at Home

At our staff meeting this week teachers fed back to me that engagement from parent/carers with home-reading seems to be rather low at the moment. I wondered whether we had not given out a clear message about this?

Reading with your child at home is one of the most important ways that you can help them with their learning. Our early readers bring home a scheme reading book which they will be familiar with as it is the one used throughout the week in class. Please allow them to share their success with you by proudly reading this book each day. In addition they will have a reading for pleasure book - typically a picture book. This is for you to read with or to your child, to enjoy the story together.

Our other readers will bring home a book which we would like them to share with you - typically this will be a 'chapter book'.

We ask that you write in the home reading record to show that you have spent some reading time with your child. Please do have a look at the inside front cover of your child's reading record book for guidance.

Thank you for your support with this important matter.

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, 29th September 2023

Message from Class 3

Class 3 have had a great first few weeks of school. In English we have been engaging with a narrative, *Stone Age Boy*, creating our own versions of a descriptive piece about seeing a sabre-toothed tiger for the first time. We've just begun to learn about instruction texts and have seen, from a poor example on how to make a strawberry milkshake, what could happen if the instructions are not clear and specific!

Our maths has been around place value, where we have represented, partitioned and estimated on a number line numbers up to 1,000. We have also started to learn times table songs for our 2s, 5s, 10s and 3 times tables.

In science we have continued to explore rocks and how they are formed. We have created our own cave paintings as we think about The Stone Age in history. We are also loving beginning to learn some French, too!

Next week will be our turn for Forest School – so please remember your wellies!

Mr Ayers

Attendance

Whole School attendance

25/09/23 - 29/09/23
96.4%

Whole School attendance

05/09/23 - date
96.3%

Star Awards

w/e 29th September 2023

Due to the Harvest Festival in Church this morning, Star Awards will be given out next week. Names will appear in next week's newsletter.



Census Day Thursday 5th October

We are asking all children in Classes R, 1 and 2 to register for a hot school meal on **Thursday, 5th October** as it is the school census day. We will only receive money to pay for your child's hot dinners, at any point during the year, if they eat a school meal on the census day. If you think your child may not eat well enough on census day you can of course send in a packed lunch too.



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The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 2nd October 2023

Monday, 2nd October

- Class 3 Forest School Sessions this week – please see letter for details
- Class 2 trip – see separate letter for details
- Class 4 trip – see separate letter for details

Tuesday, 3rd October

- Class 1 trip – see separate letter for details

Wednesday, 4th October

- 2:00pm Parent Information Meeting for Year 6 Residential trip

Thursday, 5th October

- **School Census Day** – all children in KS1 & Reception Class to please have a school lunch to secure their Infant Free School Meals funding for the year

Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 25th September 2023

£2.41 per day

[September-2023.pdf](#)
(wholeschoolmeals.co.uk)

To pay for your meals online,
please go to:

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

