



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Message from the Head of School

#### Welcome Home Class 5!

Class 5 children with Mr Oliver, Ms Cameron and Mrs Showler have had a great week away on our Year 5 residential trip. They have thrown axes, built rafts, sailed out into the reservoir and made, I am sure, some very special memories. Enjoy the photographs below and if you would like to see some more photographs of their adventures do visit the school's facebook page [www.facebook.com/stmargaretsatcliffe](https://www.facebook.com/stmargaretsatcliffe)

Enormous thanks to the staff for their 24 hour a day care of the children and to the children who have shown everyone at the centre how well they can conduct themselves. Have a restful weekend children and staff, I'm sure you will sleep well tonight!



#### Bikeability Cycle Training

Some of our Year 6 children completed their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability Cycle training this week. Unfortunately, due to rainy weather conditions Group 2 will be completing their training next week. I would like to thank Mr Castle for leading this important training for the children.

#### Class 2 'Little Wandle Spelling' parent meeting

On Tuesday Miss Fordham led the first of three parent information meetings we are holding. This week was for Class 2 parents and provided parents with information about 'Little Wandle Spelling'. Mrs Hoile will lead 2 more sessions next week for Class 1 & Class R parents. During the meetings Mrs Hoile will provide you with information about how we will teach your child to read using the new government endorsed scheme, 'Little Wandle, Letters and Sounds revised.' We will share the methods and resources we use at school and allow you to become familiar with the vocabulary surrounding this phonic based approach to learning to read. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

#### 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.

Rachel Hindle – Head of School

### Art, Construction & Craft Clubs

Due to the PTFA disco taking place on Thursday our Art, Construction and Craft extra-curricular clubs will not run on this day. Please see parentmail sent home to members of these clubs.

### Star Awards

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Class R – Ivy  
Class 1 – Freddie  
Class 2 – Alby-James  
Class 3 – Oliver

Class 4 - Jasper  
Class 5 - Myla  
Class 6 - Anastasia



### Attendance

Whole School attendance  
09/10/23 - 13/10/23

95.3%

05/09/23 - date

96.2%





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### Message from Class 1

This term, Class 1 have done brilliantly settling into their new learning environment. They have learned the new rules and routines and they are very keen with their learning.

In science, we have been learning about the human body. We have been learning the names of the body parts and labelling them. We learned about our 5 senses and learned the parts of the body that we use for each of them.

This week in English, the children have been exploring poetry. We have used our senses to talk about the things we enjoy in the autumn - crunchy leaves, smoky bonfires, and delicious hot chocolate! We have shared a Roger McGough poem 'The Sound Collector' and looked for words that rhyme in poems.

In maths, we have been practising our numbers to 10 making sure we are really secure with them and that we can count forwards and backwards from any number. This week we are learning about the greater than and less than signs and using them to compare numbers.

We would also like to mention how much we enjoyed taking the class to the lighthouse for our visit last week. The children were well behaved and listened so well to the helpers – we learned so much about The South Foreland Lighthouse.

What an amazing start to the year. Well done Class 1!

Mrs Hoile & Miss Moloney

### PTFA Disco

#### PTFA Disco – Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October

The children are looking forward to the PTFA disco on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Pupils in classes R, 1 and 2 who are going to the disco will be taken straight from their classes to the disco.

The disco will run from 3:15pm to 4:15pm and parent/carers will collect their children from their class doors at 4:15pm.

Pupils in classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 going to the disco should be brought to the main entrance for checking off the list. The disco will run from 4:20pm to 5:30pm and parent/carers will collect their children from the main school hall at 5:30pm.

Please remember to let the school office know if someone other than a parent/carer will be collecting your child from the disco.

Thank you to the PTFA volunteers and staff who are supervising the event.



### The Week Ahead!

#### Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> October 2023

##### Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October

- Class 3 trip – see separate letter for details
- Class 1 Forest School Sessions this week – please see letter for details
- 9am Class 1 Phonics & Reading Meeting for parents in the school hall

##### Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> October

- 9am Class R Phonics & Reading Meeting for parents in the school hall
- Flu Immunisations for Classes R to 6

##### Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> October

- Class 6 Bikeability – Group 2 re-scheduled from last week

##### Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October

- No Art, Construction or Craft Club today – see parentmail for details
- PTFA Discos – 3:15pm to 4:15pm Years R, 1 and 2  
– 4:20pm to 5:30pm Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

##### Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> October

- Staff Training Day – children are not required in school

### Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> October  
2023

£2.41 per day

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([wholeschoolmeals.co.uk](http://wholeschoolmeals.co.uk))

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