



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### Message from the Headteacher

#### It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

We haven't let the chilly weather this week dampen our St Margaret's CP spirits! The Christmas hoops are hung in the hall and the tree has been decorated – these will certainly help us all to get into the festive spirit as Advent begins this weekend. It's been a busy week for our children and staff who are preparing for some wonderful Christmas events next week. Classes 1 and 2 are having a great time rehearsing their nativity play 'The Nativity' to perform to the school and their families and there is lots of lovely singing around the school as our Key Stage 2 classes get ready for our Carol Services.

We are also looking forward to our trips that have been arranged as a Christmas treat for the children – classes R, 1 & 2 will be going to the cinema and classes 3, 4, 5, & 6 to the pantomime. Please do check the letters for more details regarding these trips.

#### Year 6 - Winter Lanterns

This weekend Year 6 pupils will take part in a procession in Dover's Winter Light Up 2023, along with their families and other local schools. This sounds as though it will be a wonderful start to their Christmas activities.

#### St Margaret's Village Christmas Lights

This Saturday marks the Christmas Lights switch on in the village. The lights go on at 6pm and they have activities before and after. Please see the following link for further information about the evening.

<https://www.stmargaretspc.co.uk/christmas-light-turn-on-2023/>

#### PTFA Christmas Jumper & Cake Sale

The PTFA are collecting donations of any unwanted and unloved Christmas Jumpers for their Christmas Jumper and Cake Sale fundraising event at 3pm on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December. If you are able to donate please hand in any jumpers to the school office.

#### The Edward Showler Foundation

We are pleased to be able to support one of our families with their charity fundraising event. Please see poster further in this newsletter and please support if you are able to.

#### Reception Class 2024

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.

Have a lovely weekend!

Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher



### Christmas Post

**Christmas post box opens on  
Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December!**

**Please ensure all envelopes have name and class  
written clearly.**





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### Message from Class 2

Class 2 have been working incredibly hard during our Nativity rehearsals. The stage is set, the costumes are ready and the children's wonderful singing and acting are coming to life. We cannot wait to show you our Nativity next week!

In Maths, we have been learning how to exchange 1 ten for 10 ones to help us when adding and subtracting across a 10. This is a really tricky concept to grasp but the children have taken on this challenge and have been practicing lots. It has been great to watch them turn into little mathematicians!

For English, we have been reading, acting and writing the story of 'Cat, Bramble and Heron'. The children have enjoyed this story and have produced some fantastic pieces of writing. Next week we will be innovating the story by changing the characters.

Miss Fordham



### Star Awards

w/e 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Class R – Percy  
Class 1 – Quinn  
Class 2 – Harry  
Class 3 – Mya  
Class 4 – Teddy  
Class 5 – Kieran  
Class 6 – Matilda



### Whole School Attendance

27/11/23 - 01/12/23

94%

05/09/23 - date

95.8%

### Reception Class 2024

Applications are now open for Reception Class September 2024. If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 you can apply online for a place through the Kent County Council website:-

[www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places)

Applications close on **15th January 2024**.

### Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

£2.41 per day

[October-23.pdf \(wholeschoolmeals.co.uk\)](https://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/October-23.pdf)

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

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





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### The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023

#### NO CLUBS

**Except for Construction, Craft & Art Clubs who have an additional week added due to a previously cancelled session.**

**Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December**

- Christmas Post Box is open for business!
- 2pm KS2 Carol Concert

**Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December**

- 2pm KS2 Carol Concert

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December**

- 2:30pm KS1 Nativity in the school hall (by ticket only). Doors open at 2:15pm

**Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> December**

- 2:30pm KS1 Nativity in the school hall (by ticket only). Doors open at 2:15pm
- Last week of clubs for Construction, Craft and Art Clubs

**Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> December**

- Classes R, 1 & 2 trip (see separate letter for details)
- 3pm PTFA Christmas Jumper and Cake Sale

## TOBIE'S SPONSORED SHAVE OFF

SAT 9 DECEMBER | 12 NOON  
ST MARGARET'S HOLIDAY CAMP BAR

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[edwardshowlerfoundation.com/tobie](https://edwardshowlerfoundation.com/tobie)

Since lockdown swimming teacher Tobie Lumley has sported an absolutely luxuriant beard which he has kindly agreed to shave-off to raise funds for the Edward Showler Foundation. Edward Showler was a doctor who died in 2017 at the age of 28 years

of a very rare cancer called Clear Cell Sarcoma. Currently there are no effective treatments for Clear Cell Sarcoma so the outlook for anyone diagnosed with the disease is very poor. The Edward Showler Foundation is seeking to raise £1,000,000 to fund

a programme of research into Clear Cell Sarcoma being undertaken at the Cancer Institute at University College London. This will lead to better understanding and hopefully better treatments for patients who are diagnosed with this terrible disease.

