



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

### Message from the Headteacher

#### It's Christmas!

There has been no let-up in our school Christmas celebrations which have continued this week.

On Monday, we welcomed parent/carers of Reception class to join their children in a 'Christmas Stay and Play' session. The children sang songs and everyone took part in numerous exciting Christmas activities. Lots of fun was had by all!

Key Stage 2 classes had an amazing time at the Marlowe Theatre on Tuesday for our annual pantomime trip – there was plenty of opportunity for audience participation which the children and staff fully embraced!

Wednesday was our Christmas Dinner Day. Our school cooks did a grand job catering a Christmas Lunch for us all – huge thanks to them for making this such a successful event. Our Christmas jumpers brightened up the hall and everyone enjoyed themselves – thank you to the PTFA for providing Christmas crackers for all.

Party Day on Thursday allowed the children and staff to come together to pit their skills and wits against each other in a variety of games and activities! Thank you to you all for contributing party food for your child to enjoy.

We ended our school celebrations with the lighting of our Christingles this morning, a really lovely time together which rounded off our school Christmas celebrations perfectly.

#### Choir Club performances

This week our School Choir have performed at St Margaret's Village Hall on two occasions. On Wednesday they sang for the Senior Citizens Lunch Club and today they performed at the Dementia Café held in the Village Hall for people living with Dementia. I would like to share the following from an email from the Senior Citizens Lunch Club 'I have to say the children were charming, very polite and full of enthusiasm and good wishes. Very much appreciated by our members. Well done to the teachers supporting too'.

Well done to our Choir Club members for providing such enjoyment for the village community.

#### Farewell and Thank You

As this calendar year draws to a close we said a huge thank you and a fond farewell to Mrs Julie Jull today as she left St Margaret's CP School after 29 years as a midday supervisor. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff and children for their work during 2023. In addition I would like to thank the families for their ongoing support.

#### Whole School Meals Price Increase

Just a reminder that Whole School Meals price increase comes into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. The price for a school meal will be £2.45 per day from the start of Term 3.

#### 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. The deadline for application for a place is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

#### Return to School

The new term starts on **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024** – I look forward to seeing you all then and to welcoming in the new year.

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to offer the very best Christmas wishes to you all.

**Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**





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### Message from Class R

Class R have had an eventful week filled with festive activities.

Monday marked our Christmas Stay and Play, where families joined us for Christmas songs and engaging activities including designing wrapping paper, writing letters to Santa, a Christmas scavenger hunt, and crafting cards.

Wednesday saw our Christmas Jumper Day, adding colour and cheer.

Thursday culminated in our lively Christmas Party and today we were excited to perform a Christmas song at the Christingle event, uniting with the entire school in celebrating the season.

Miss Owen

### 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**.

### Whole School Attendance

11/12/23 - 15/12/23 **96%**

05/09/23 – date **95.7%**



### Star Awards

w/e 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Class R – All of Class R

Class 1 – Monty

Class 2 – Freddie

Class 3 – All of Class 3

Class 4 – Jack

Class 5 – Violet

Class 6 – William



**Children return to school on**

**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**

### The Week Ahead!

**Week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024**

**CLUBS START BACK THIS WEEK**

**Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> January**

- BANK HOLIDAY** – School Closed

**Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January**

- START OF TERM 3** – Children return to school

### Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

**£2.45 per day – new price increase**

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

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

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

