



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 9th February 2024

Message from the Headteacher

As we end this term we are already half-way through this academic year! I would like to thank all families for their support and the children and staff for their hard work.

Safer Internet Day

We celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday with this year's theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'. Mr Oliver led an assembly sharing the learning classes had undertaken during the day.



Some useful links that you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet \(Parents & carers | Childnet\)](#)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media \(commonsense.org\)](#)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters \(internetmatters.org./controls\)](#)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or sexual abuse from [CEOP \(ceop.police.uk\)](#)

Open Afternoon

It was lovely to see so many of you on Wednesday at our Open Afternoon. I hope you enjoyed looking at your child's workbooks and seeing our fabulous English display boards as you walked around the school. The children were really proud to show their work to you and we thank you for the positive comments made.

Class 6 trip to The London Eye

Inspired by the novel 'The London Eye Mystery' by Siobhan Dowd, Miss Brett undertook a trip to London with her class this week. Class 6 met at Dover Priory station on Thursday morning, boarded a train and travelled to Waterloo where they walked to the London Eye. They all enjoyed their ride in the pods which, despite the low cloud, gave them a view of buildings such as Big Ben, The Shard and The Gherkin. They finished their day off with a walk around Westminster and Whitehall taking in the nearby sites. A little damp, Year 6 and staff returned to Dover after a long but enjoyable day.

Pancake Day

As Shrove Tuesday is celebrated during the school holiday this year, Mr Oliver led his annual pancake extravaganza today! Pancakes were served to all classes during the day followed by team pancake races during the afternoon! As always a big thank you to Mr Oliver for donning his apron and chef hat to cook the children in KS2 their pancakes.

Parent/Carer Survey

We were blown away by the huge response to our recent survey; huge thanks to those who responded. The results have been sent out to you today, together with a covering letter from Mrs Hindle.

The overall results are positive, however, we are never complacent and recognise that there are areas which we need to strive to be better at. A handful of parents raised concerns within their written responses - we welcome you reaching out and making yourself known to us so that we can address these if you so wish.

Please don't feel you need to wait until a survey to let us know how things are going for you and your child(ren); we give opportunity for feedback at both of our parent/teacher consultation meetings and additionally are always happy to receive questions, queries, concerns or thankyou's at any time

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.

Wishing you all a good half term break and looking forward to seeing you back at school for the beginning of Term 4 on Monday 19th February.

Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher





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Message from Class 1

Term Three - What a busy term of learning in Year 1!

The children have been focusing on improving their writing of simple sentences in our English lessons. We are so proud of their efforts to remember capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and the correct letter formation. Keep up the good work Year 1 - amazing progress during term 3 with all your writing.

In maths, the children have been learning and practicing numbers up to 20. We have been using a number line up to 20 and finding numbers that are 'one more' and 'one less'. We have also been looking at number bonds to help us to add and subtract quickly. We have enjoyed learning about doubles (e.g., 5+5) and near doubles (e.g., 5+6) and working practically with manipulatives to explore in our maths lessons.

In Science, we have been enjoying our learning about materials. We have been identifying and grouping materials and learning about their properties. We have been carrying out simple tests to see which materials is the most *absorbent* and we have been testing out which material is the most *waterproof* and would make the best umbrella.

We have also started our work in PSHE (Dreams and Goals) to prepare for our Family Assembly next term. The children have loved learning new songs about reaching for their learning goals, sharing their skills and talents and discussing what they might want to be when they grow up. Thank you for supporting this work with your child at home. We can't wait to share our assembly with you!

Mrs Hoile and Miss Moloney

Star Awards

w/e 2nd & 9th February 2024



Class R – Madeleine & Judith

Class 1 – Phoebe & Autumn

Class 2 – Alfie & Arlo

Class 3 – William & All of Class 3

Class 4 – Oliver, Annabelle & Tristan

Class 5 – Harley & Lottie

Class 6 – Reuben H & All of Class 6

Year 5 Enterprise

A big thank you from Year 5 who raised

£117

at their Enterprise Event today. Half of the money raised will go to their chosen charities, 'Cancer UK' and 'The Dogs Trust', and the other half will be used for the benefit of the children in Year 5.

Whole School Attendance

05/02/24 - 09/02/24

93.6%

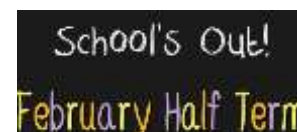
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95.3%



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School Uniform from the PTFA

Our PTFA has a stock of second hand school uniform available. If you require some good quality low cost items please contact them through their email stmacptfa@gmail.com and they will arrange for the uniform to be left at the school office for you to collect. If you have any items you are willing to donate to their stock please also contact them via email or bring these into the school office.



Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in February.

Matilda	Year 6
Charlotte	Year 5
William	Year 4
Ruby	Year 6
Finley	Year 6
Harrison	Year 2
Dudley	Year 4
Harry	Year 1
Anastasia	Year 6
Joseph	Year R
Camille	Year 3
Rafael	Year 2
Tommy	Year 6
Sophia	Year 2
William	Year 5



Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 19th February 2024

£2.45 per day

[October-23.pdf \(wholeschoolmeals.co.uk\)](#)

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

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

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 19th February 2024

Monday, 19th February

- Start of term 4 – Pupils return to school
- Class 4 Forest School sessions all week

Tuesday, 20th February

- Class 5 Swimming - please remember swimming kit/towel, etc.

Wednesday, 21st February

- Reception Class Vision & Hearing Screening

