



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 23rd February 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to Term 4 – we are now well into the second half of this academic year!

World Book Day

Lighthouse House are busy preparing for World Book Day on Thursday, 7th March. You will have already received a letter detailing how we are going to celebrate World Book Day by holding a dressing up day. Children are invited to wear a costume to school which represents a book character – it would be lovely if your child could bring the book to school too but this is not obligatory. We look forward to seeing those children who would like to dress up in their costumes to celebrate this day, if your child does not wish to dress up as a book character – which is absolutely fine – then usual school uniform is to be worn.

In addition to dressing up on the day, the children will also have the opportunity to design a book cover which will be entered into a competition. Templates and instructions for this will be sent home next week with deadline for return of Tuesday 5th March.

All children will be given a £1.00 book voucher to bring home on 7th March. They can take their voucher to a local bookseller and can use it to choose exclusive, new and completely free books. Or, if they'd rather, they can use it to get £1.00 off any book at a participating bookshop or book club.

Governor Recruitment

We currently have vacancies for a parent governor and a community (or co-opted) governor. Please see some information below about becoming a governor from Helen King our Chair of Governors.



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There are no specific qualifications or requirements for the role (other than you must be at least 18 years old) and you don't need to have a background in, or knowledge of, education. Every governing board needs a balance and diversity of knowledge, skills and experience whether these have been gained in a work environment or as valuable life-skills. Initial and ongoing training is provided and you will also learn on the job, working with other governors.

As a parent governor you should have a child at the school whereas a co-opted governor can be anyone who has a community interest in the school; you could have a tie to the school such as being a grandparent, aunt or uncle, or be a neighbour, friend have a local business or live in the village or surrounding area.

Being a governor is very personally rewarding. It does mean giving up some time to attend meetings, but it gives you opportunities to develop new skills and to strengthen existing ones, boost your CV, understand how the school works, meet new people and is a valuable way of serving the local community, giving you an opportunity to influence education in the area and gain an awareness of the education system as a whole. As a governor you will work with the school leadership team to drive the strategic development of the school, support and challenge the school to continuously improve and raise standards of achievement, review and approve the school budget and monitor policies and procedures.

If you work and are concerned that you may not be able to attend meetings (which generally take place during the school day or just after) then have a word with your employer – many large employers encourage employees to undertake volunteering activities and give up to 4 days a year to do so, alternatively others are happy to have a flexi approach.

If you would like any further information for yourself or someone else who you think would be interested or if you would like to put yourself forward for one of the roles please contact the school office in the first instance.

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





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Year 4 Enterprise Week

Next week, the children in year 4 will be busy becoming entrepreneurs! The children will be working to design and create sock puppies and sweet treats. They will be selling these to children across the school during break times on **Friday 1st March**. The sock puppies & sweet treats will range in price from between 50p to £2.00. In addition they will be running a 'Gladiators' style assault course for each class throughout the week and a 'Guess the name of the dog' competition, both of which will cost 50p to enter.

The purpose of Enterprise Week is to teach the children about creating a business as well as how to manage their budget and profit. Of the monies raised, half will be donated to a charity of the children's choice while the other half will be spent on a treat for the class.

If your child wishes to bring in some money to spend for the week, please ensure it is in a named purse or wallet.

Thank you
Mrs Byatt

Message from Class R

Reception class has kicked off Term 4 with some awesome adventures, braving the windy and rainy weather outside while diving deep into the world of plants and flowers. They're also gearing up to explore the world of plants, vegetables, and flowers, learning what it takes to make those plants thrive. Inspired by readings of "The Tiny Seed" and "Oliver's Vegetables", we'll be discussing about all the things plants need to grow big and strong. They're buzzing with excitement about getting their hands dirty and planting some seeds of their own.

Miss Owen

Whole School Attendance

19/02/24 - 23/02/24

93.8%

05/09/23 – date

95.2%

Star Awards

w/e 23rd February 2024



Class R – Max
Class 1 – Charlie
Class 2 – Wilf
Class 3 – Adelaide
Class 4 – William, Theo & Jack
Class 5 - Isabelle
Class 6 - Kobe

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.



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 26th February 2024

Monday, 26th February

- Class 5 Forest School sessions all week

Tuesday, 27th February

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

Wednesday, 28th February

- Deadline for Class 6 to order a Leavers' Hoodie

Friday, 1st March

- Class 1 Family Assembly
- Dover Primary Schools Swimming Gala – selected pupils

Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 26th February 2024

£2.45 per day

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

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please go to:

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

