



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 1st March 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Cross County Event at The Duke of York's Royal Military School

Last Friday, Mr Castle and Mr Morris took a team of Year 5 and 6 children over to Duke of York's Royal Military School to compete in a Cross-Country event. Despite the dreadful weather, the children worked well as a team and showed excellent sportsmanship. Well done to Arthur, Reuben, Riley, Zara, Edie, Jack, Freddie and William.

Class 4 Enterprise Week – Special Visitor

The children in Class 4 have been busy working on raising awareness of the charity 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' during their Enterprise Week. As part of this week Mrs Byatt arranged for a special visitor, 'Quella', a trainee guide dog puppy to come in for assembly on Thursday. Mrs Byers, Quella's trainer, explained to the children the training process for Quella to become a Guide Dog. Quella then demonstrated some of the skills she has learnt so far.



Swimming Gala

Key Stage 2 children took part in the Dover Primary School's swimming gala this morning at the Dover District Leisure Centre. They participated in a variety of races including 25 and 50 metre races and relays. Well done to Liza, Sophia, James, Oliver, Imogen, Laila, Charlie, Jack, Lilia, Isabelle S and Emily P for representing our school so well. The team returned to school with 2 gold & 1 silver in the individual medals and 1 relay team won silver medals.

Class 1 Family Assembly

I am sure those of you who joined us this morning for Year 1's first ever family assembly will join me in saying a big well done to the children and staff for a highly entertaining, as well as a thought-provoking assembly. The children shared their dreams and hopes for their future and reminded us that every goal and every journey begin with a small step, and that every race has a starting line; it's up to us to show resilience, keep learning and keep trying to meet that goal.



Brilliant work, Year 1. I am sure your parents and carers are very proud of you, we certainly are.

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

Thank you to those parents who have already signed up for an appointment to see the class teacher at our forthcoming parent/carers consultation evenings. If you haven't already done so please make an appointment through the Parent Evening Manager section of your parentmail account.

Your Voice Counts!

Rebecca Simcox, Parish Councillor, has asked if I could share the following information with our parent/carers and I am very happy to do so. We saw the impact of people-power recently with regards to the backtrack on proposals about parking charges, your voice counts!

Rebecca writes:

Dover District Council have identified several areas in the village where houses should be built. The developers naturally want to build big expensive profitable executive homes. We as a Parish would like homes that our young families could afford, be it part ownership, affordable or normal type homes. There is potentially also a need for the older generation to be able to downsize.

If the Parish can demonstrate a housing need, we will have more clout regarding what is built and can insist on some affordable homes. We therefore commissioned a housing survey. It is for individuals with a foreseeable housing need, and it includes people who used to live or work in the village as well as those currently residing here.

More details are on our website <https://www.stmargaretspc.co.uk/community-housing-survey/> and the link is above the QR code half way down the page in blue.

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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This week Class 6 have begun reading 'Floodland' by Marcus Sedgwick. The story is set in the not-too-distant future where the sea levels have risen so that Norwich has become an island. The main character, Zoe, has been separated from her parents and has managed to escape Norwich to land on Eels island, whose raggle-taggle inhabitants pose further dangers. The children seem to be enjoying this story so far. We are linking this to our reading and writing.

In maths, we have finished our area, perimeter and volume unit and we have moved on to understanding ratio. Our science this term is Evolution and Inheritance, which we began by looking at various fossils and how they are formed. We will be looking at our own family trees to find out about some of the inherited features within our families.

Well done Class 6 for your excellent start to this term.

Miss Brett

Star Awards

w/e 1st March 2024

Class R – Eleanor

Class 1 – Jessica

Class 2 - Primrose

Class 3 - Aradhaya

Class 4 – All of Class 4

Class 5 – Aaron & Scarlet-Mae

Class 6 - Isla



Birthdays!

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in March.

Chloe	Year 1
Phoebe	Year 1
Freya	Year R
Charles	Year 4
Edie	Year 5
Ava	Year 1
Darshhi	Year 6
Percy	Year R
Oliver	Year 3
Iris	Year 1
Liza	Year 6
Faith	Year 6
Gabriel	Year R



Whole School Attendance

26/02/24 - 01/03/24

95.8%

05/09/23 – date

95.2%

PTFA School Uniform

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.



Year 4 Enterprise

A big thank you from Year 4 who

raised **£152**

at their Enterprise Event this week. Half of the money raised will go to their chosen charity 'Guide Dogs for the Blind', and the other half will be used for the benefit of the children in Year 4.

Well done to Monty who correctly guessed the name of the dog as 'Iry'.





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The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 4th March 2024

Monday, 4th March

- Class 3 Forest School sessions all week
- PTFA Book Fair from 3:15pm on the playground/in the school hall (depending on weather)

Tuesday, 5th March

- Class 5 Swimming - please remember swimming kit/towel, etc.
- Deadline to return competition book cover designs
- PTFA Book Fair from 3:15pm on the playground/in the school hall (depending on weather)

Thursday, 7th March

- World Book Day - Dress up as a book character in exchange for £1

Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 4th March 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>

PTFA BOOK FAIR

The PTFA will be running a Scholastic Book Fair at school next week.

Date: Monday, 4th & Tuesday, 5th March

Time: 3:15pm

Venue: School playground/school hall
(weather dependant)

Please look out for the advertising flyer sent alongside this newsletter and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible visiting the fair next week.

