



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

### Message from the Headteacher

#### Spring Concert Preparations

It's been a busy week for our children and staff who are preparing the programme for our annual Spring Concert. Musical sounds have been ever present as the children have been rehearsing and we are looking forward to seeing you at the concerts next week.

#### Irish Dancing

On Tuesday, children in classes 1-6 were lucky enough to be visited by Sarah and Alice from DAPA who taught the children some Irish dancing. Teachers have reported back that the children very much enjoyed their sessions.

#### Online Safety Talk

PCSO Carl Brett visited school this week to talk to our older pupils in Years 5 & 6 about how to keep safe when online. After talking to the children in their classes he held a parent meeting in the school. Thank you to those parents who attended and I hope you found the information helpful.

#### Class 6 Trip to Safety In Action

On Wednesday Year 6 went over to Folkestone for a 'Safety in Action' event. Miss Brett reports 'There were around ten stalls, set up in a carousel fashion, each offering a range of safety tips, games, quizzes and videos in how to be safe. Some of the stalls the children particularly enjoyed included Kent Police, UK Power Networks and the Environmental Agency. The children were also lucky enough to be gifted a workbook, packed full of tips and quizzes, as a reminder of their 'Safety in Action' visit'.

#### Class 3 Trip to Maidstone Museum

As part of Class 3's Term 4 History topic, Mr Ayers took Class 3 to Maidstone Museum today. At the museum the class had a look around the Ancient Egyptian galleries, took part in a workshop on Ancient Egypt and mummified an orange. The children had a lovely time.

#### Staff News

Miss Emma Owen, Reception Class Teacher, will be leaving St Margaret's CP School at the end of this term. Miss Owen is re-locating out of Kent and, as such, has secured a position with another Local Authority. Miss Owen has been with us for almost two years and during this time has worked hard for all of the children and families in her care. I wish her every continued success in her new venture and thank her for her dedication to our school community during her time with us. Mrs Harriet Richardson will be joining us for the summer term as Reception Class Teacher.

#### Former Pupil Fundraising Event

One of our former pupils, Isabella Hill, is fundraising for the organisation Project Trust who run a volunteer programme arranging for volunteers to teach in a primary school in Ghana for 12 months. Please see her flyer, later in this newsletter, to promote a 'Village Bake Off and Cake Sale' that she is organising.

#### 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 everyone.

Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher





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### Message from Class 3

It has been another busy week for Class 3. We have raised money for Great Ormond Street hospital by selling spinning wheels, sweet pots and Easter cards. We also held a 'Guess the name of the bunny' competition and washed staff members' cars. The children really enjoyed getting involved in selling these items and washing cars – and we received some generous tips for the car washes, too! Thank you to all who brought in buckets, sponges and other useful car-washing items.

On Tuesday, we had our NSPCC Day, where we learned about how every child has the right to speak out and stay safe. We considered our safe adults who we could speak to if someone was mistreating us.

Finally, on Friday we had our class trip to Maidstone Museum! We took part in a workshop on Ancient Egyptians before mummifying an orange. It was fantastic to have our questions answered and to explore the Ancient Egyptian artefacts for ourselves.

Mr Ayers

### Star Awards

w/e 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

Class R – Ivy  
Class 1 – Dylan  
Class 2 – Genevieve  
Class 3 – Albie  
Class 4 – Reggie  
Class 5 – Kieran  
Class 6 – Tommy



### Whole School Attendance

18/03/24 - 22/03/24

95.3%

05/09/23 – date

95.3%



### Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please note that all extra-curricular after school clubs have now finished for the term and all children need to be collected at 3.15pm every day.

### The Week Ahead!

**Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Extra-Curricular Clubs have finished for this term.**

**Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> March**

- 9am Maths Workshop for parents of children in Classes 3 & 4
- Classes 1 & 2 trip – see separate letter for details
- Reception class & Nursery trip – see separate letter for detail
- Reception Class to wear their Easter Bonnet to school

**Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> March**

- Years 5 & 6 Athletics Event – selected pupils
- 2:30pm Spring Concert (by ticket only)

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**

- 9am Spring Concert (by ticket only)
- Last day of term - School finishes at 2pm

### Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

£2.45 per day

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

To pay for your meals online,  
please go to:

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

Please note change of menu on  
Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March – see  
previously sent parentmail  
for details.





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### Year 3 Enterprise Week

A big thank you from Year 3 who raised

**£140**

at their Enterprise Event this week. Half of the money raised will go to their chosen charity 'Great Ormond Street Hospital', and the other half will be used for the benefit of the children in Year 3.

Well done to Mae who correctly guessed the name of the rabbit as 'Chloe'.



### 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](mailto: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.



### Last Day of Term

**Remember:**  
School will finish at **2pm**  
on **Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> March**



## VILLAGE BAKE OFF



## AND CAKE SALE

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024

St Margaret's Cricket Pavilion

Entries delivered at 11:30 with judging at 12:15pm

**Who will be crowned bake-off champion  
of St Margaret's-at-Cliffe?**

Fundraiser for Project Trust for 12-month volunteer  
teaching placement in Ghana – for more details  
please see Just Giving page – scan QR code.

To enter please donate £5 and in comment box state  
'Bake Off' – alternatively call 0792 083 6858.



**Thank you!**

