



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 28th September 2018

Message from the Headteacher

PTFA Quiz Night

Please support the PTFA by attending their Quiz Night this coming Friday, 5th October. It promises to be a quiz with a difference and a fun night out. Entry forms are available from the school office or email the PTFA directly on stmacptfa@gmail.com



Census Day

We are asking **all** children in **Classes R, 1 and 2** register for a hot school meal on Thursday, 4th October as it is the school census day. We will only receive money to pay for your child's hot dinners, at any point during the year, if they eat a school meal on the census day. If you think your child may not eat well enough on census day you can of course send in a packed lunch too.

Harvest



Please send harvest gifts to school on Friday, 5th October. Items such as tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, pasta sauce, potatoes -tinned or instant mash, tinned fish, noodles, fruit juice (long life), instant coffee, dried & UHT milk, jam, sugar, sponge pudding, and any dried packet foods will be gratefully received. No glass bottles or jars please.

Harvest Festival

Classes 1 – 6 will be celebrating Harvest at St Margaret's Church on Friday morning. As detailed in a letter earlier this week we are collecting donations for the Dover Foodbank. Please send items to school on Friday for the children to carry to church.

We Ploughed the Fields...

Class 3 certainly got themselves into the Harvest mood this week with Mrs Wong's annual outing to the East Kent Ploughing Match. In addition to watching the ploughing match itself the children enjoyed seeing horses, piglets, steam engines, brand new tractors and combine harvesters, birds of prey and terrier racing. The children were able to participate in archery and a forest school activity where they made a giant eco pencil and did some leaf stamping. They collected items from Thanet Metal Detecting Society, watched wood turning and fibre making from dog fur. The children, staff and volunteer helpers had a great day.

Clubs

Clubs started this week – I am pleased to say that we have offered 183 places to children across a range of clubs. Children are to be collected from an after school club by an adult.

Winter Weather

All children now need a suitable coat at school every day. We have had a few items of lost property recently – if you name your child's clothing you are giving us a fighting chance of reuniting items with their owners. We typically hold onto things for about a week – they are kept on the office 'Bagpuss' windowsill for you to see – and then they will go into the second hand uniform sale.

School Census Day Thursday 4th October

A reminder that we need all children in Classes R, 1 and 2 to eat a school dinner on Thursday in order to secure funding for the year for these meals. Please support us with this important matter.

PTFA Quiz Night Friday 5th October

Have you appointed your team for the forthcoming PTFA Quiz Night fundraiser? We look forward to seeing you at this event – there's rumours of a staff team competing this time!

Have a good weekend everyone.

Helen Comfort

Attendance

w/e 28th September 2018

- Class R – 89.3%
- Class 1 – 98.6%
- Class 2 – 98%
- Class 3 – 99.3%
- Class 4 - 99.7%
- Class 5 – 95.5%
- Class 6 – 99.6%
- Whole school – 97.1%



Star Awards

w/e 28th September 2018

- Class 1 – Mae
- Class 2 – Henry
- Class 3 – Gabriel
- Class 4 – Ellie
- Class 5 – Edward
- Class 6 – Logan

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 1st October 2018

Lunch Menu: Week 2

Monday, 1st October – Response deadline for Class 2 trip

Tuesday, 2nd October – Response deadline for Reception Class Harvest 'Stay and Play'

Thursday, 4th October – School Census Day – all children in KS1 & Reception Class to please have a school lunch to secure their Infant Free School Meals funding for the year

Friday, 5th October - Harvest Festival – Classes 1 to 6
7pm PTFA Quiz Night in the school hall

