



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 19th October 2018

Message from the Headteacher

So here ends our first term of this academic year and what a successful one it has been! Thank you for coming along to our Open afternoon, we had a super turn out. I know that many of you admired the new corridor displays and enjoyed looking at your child's workbooks.

Summer Reading Challenge

We love reading at St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School and over the Summer holidays we encouraged our pupils to take part in the Mischief Makers Summer Reading Challenge in our local libraries.

The children who took part in the challenge followed clues to explore a map of Beano-town to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate Mischief Makers. As children read their library books, Dennis, Gnasher and friends helped them solve clues and collect reward stickers, while having lots of fun and adventures along the way. After reading 6 books children received a certificate and special medal.

I am delighted to say that in our local area more children from St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School took part and completed the challenge than in any other school and we won the Reading Challenge Cup. We had a very exciting celebration assembly when children wore their medals and Heidi Da Costa of Deal Library presented us with the Reading Challenge Cup. This is an amazing outcome and although it is great to win, it is even better to know that we have instilled in our pupils a love of reading.

Restart a Heart Day

Class 6 had a fantastic morning with members of the Fire Service and Ambulance Service who came into school to teach them how to restart a heart. The children practised CPR on dummies using the 'Baby Shark' song to keep their rhythm. They also learnt how to place a patient in the recovery position.

Healthy Eating Jamboree

Ten children from Class 6 were fortunate in being invited to attend a Healthy Eating School Jamboree organised by Tilmanstone Salads this week. The theme of the day was 'Taste the Rainbow' and the children took part in a range of healthy hands-on food activities. The day was topped-off by a surprise visit from the Marlowe Theatre's Pantomime Dame dressed as a cup cake and very happy children joined in making the Giant's packed lunch box. This is the second year our school has been invited and was again a tremendous experience for our pupils.

Reception Class 2019

Like all schools at this time of year, we are already thinking about our new Reception Class intake for September 2019. **We will be hosting an Open Afternoon on Thursday, 8th November between 2-3pm when families are invited to look around our school.** Please spread the word about this to friends and family who may be interested; no need for them to book, just turn up on the day.

I wish all children a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing them back in school on Monday, 29th October.

Helen Comfort

PTFA Film Night

Last chance to purchase your ticket is on Monday, 29th October after school in the gazebo. Entry is by ticket **only** at a cost of **£3.00 per child!** The ticket price includes a bag of popcorn!



The film is a 'U' rating, but parents will need to satisfy themselves that their child will enjoy the theme of this film.



Attendance

w/e 19th October 2018

Class R – 89.4%
Class 1 – 92.2%
Class 2 – 88%
Class 3 – 89.3%
Class 4 – 87.5%
Class 5 – 91.1%
Class 6 – 89%
Whole school – 89.6%



Star Awards

w/e 19th October 2018

Class 1 – Faith
Class 2 - Lucie
Class 3 – Lyle
Class 4 – Noah
Class 5 – Sophia
Class 6 - Rowen

The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu: Week 2

Week commencing 29th October 2018

Monday, 29th October – First day of Term 2 for pupils

- Deadline to return flu immunisation letters for Classes R to 5
- PTFA Selling Film Night Tickets in gazebo from 3pm – **LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE TICKETS**

Wednesday, 31st October – 3:20 to 4:40pm PTFA Film Night

- Secondary School Application deadline for Class 6

