



# Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Please do not use the drive!**



No entry  
Staff only

Please may I remind car drivers that, between 8:30am and 3:30pm **only staff** are permitted to drive onto the school premises and those parents who have a prior arrangement with the school due to mobility reasons. Please **do not drive up the school driveway** to drop your child off or collect them at the end of the day unless you have been given permission to by the school office. Please also be advised that the zig-zag areas outside the school gates are **not to be parked on between 8:30am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4pm**. These measures are in place to protect all members of our school community and your co-operation is anticipated and appreciated.

## Message from the Headteacher

### 'Who done it?!'

Thank you to the PTFA who organised the fundraising Murder/Mystery evening last Friday. The audience were in full sleuth mode as they tried to solve the murder of Horatia Havelot in 'Murder on the RMS Mauretania'. Gratitude also to the brilliant Gumshoe Theatre who gave their services for free.

### Ahoy There....

A big thank you to Mr Tony King (George's Dad) for raising an extremely impressive £790 for the PTFA through his gruelling swimming challenges. We will be using this money to replace the scramble net on our crow's nest play equipment.

### Together for a Better Internet

Work in classes and a super assembly by our student teachers and Mr Oliver on 'Safer Internet Day' helped drive home important online safety messages this week. You can visit the following page on our website for online safety information:- <http://www.stmargaretsprimary.co.uk/page/?title=e%2DSafety+Resources&pid=107>

### Deal Learning Alliance (DLA) Spelling Bee

On Thursday we hosted one of the semi-finals of the 2019 DLA Spelling Bee Competition. We welcomed a Year 3 and 4 team and a Year 5 and 6 team from Sholden, Northbourne and Hornbeam primary schools. The teams competed to each spell ten words correctly. The atmosphere was very tense and the Year 3 and 4 semi-final resulted in a 'spell-off' to find a winner. The teams had to spell words including: arachnophobia, pneumonia, moustache and fluorescent. All the teams competed admirably, with Northbourne winning the Year 3/4 semi- final and St.Margaret's winning the Year 5/6 semi-final. The finals of both year groups will be held at St.Margaret's on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Well done to our wonderful team members: Years 3/4 Joseph, Jacky, Jensen and Ellie and Years 5/6 Philippa, Jude, Joseph and Edward. Also to Mrs Wallis for leading this DLA event, co-ordinating all schools and being a superb question-master!

### Open Afternoon – Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February at 3:15pm

We look forward to seeing you all next week – please do take the opportunity to drop into school to see your child's workbooks, the corridor displays and chat to the staff.

**Helen Comfort**

## Attendance

### w/e 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Class R – 87%  
Class 1 – 93.6%  
Class 2 – 94%  
Class 3 – 100%  
Class 4 – 91.3%  
Class 5 – 89.4%  
Class 6 – 99.2%  
Whole school – 93.4%



## Star Awards

### w/e 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Class 1 – Max  
Class 2 – Jake  
Class 3 – Joseph and Jensen  
Class 4 – Neve  
Class 5 – Evie  
Class 6 – Thomas

## Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

The Parentmail booking system will open late afternoon on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February for you to book your appointment to see your child's class teacher on 11<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> March.



## The Week Ahead!

**New Lunch Menu: Week 1**

### Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> February 2019

**Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February – Parent/Carer Consultation Evening Booking system open (PM)**

**Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February – 1:30pm - Phonics Challenge Workshop in the school hall for Reception Class parents**  
- **Open Afternoon at 3:15pm** – come and see your child's workbooks and have an informal chat with the teacher

**Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February - Reception Class - Dressing Up Day** (People who help us)

