



# Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

## Summer Reading Challenge 2019

This year we are once again setting the Reading Challenge as a whole school summer homework. Please look out for further details that your child will be bringing home.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** is designed for children between the ages of 4 and 11. It is completely free and last year 699,076 children took part across the UK.

The aim of the Challenge is to encourage children to read any six books of their choice from their library during the summer holidays. Children receive special rewards each time they finish a book and there is a certificate for everyone who completes the Challenge.

Last summer we won the trophy for the Deal and Dover districts for having the most participating pupils, thank you for your support!



## Message from the Headteacher

### Reading for Pleasure

As you will know we took 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe' as a whole school text earlier this year. Work on the theme of the story included our entry to the village Christmas tree festival as well as our annual art exhibition at the Pines Calyx. We were grateful to families for supporting us by purchasing a copy of this classic book for each child which was read in class and enjoyed by all.

Reading for pleasure is such an important element of enabling our children to become literate. Children benefit from reading at home and from being read to by an adult – indeed a key way for a child's vocabulary to increase is by having texts which are too challenging for them to read, read to them by a grown-up. We urge you to take time to read to and with your child up to and beyond Year 6. Recently Mrs Wallis entered a written account of the work undertaken with our whole school text into the Kent Literacy Awards. She and Mrs Hindle attended the awards ceremony on Tuesday evening and I am delighted to announce that St Margaret's School won the category of Best Promotion of Reading for Pleasure in Dover AND the Overall Best Reading for Pleasure Scheme in the Kent. We are looking forward to taking on the Summer Reading Challenge again this summer holiday – see information elsewhere in this newsletter.

### Sports News

Two children from each class took part in the annual Deal Learning Alliance (DLA) Summer Cup on Tuesday. Events included hurdles, skipping, long jump, sack and relay races. Well done to Harry, Reece, Jake, Kitty, Isabella, Bethany, Elliot, Lola, Zara, Matthew, Emily, Darcy, Joshua and Reggie for representing our school so well.

### PTFA Thanks

Year 6 visited Betteshanger Park this week for their annual PTFA funded trip. The children had a great time taking part in cycling, archery and geo-caching. Thank you to those who support the fund-raising towards this special event.

### End of Year Reports

Reports have come home with children today. Please do take the time to complete the reply slip. We need this as proof of receipt; we are also very happy to receive your comments.

Helen Comfort

## Star Awards



- w/e 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- Class R – All of Class R
- Class 1 – Finley M.
- Class 2 – Lewis Mu.
- Class 3 – Bobby
- Class 4 – Calum
- Class 5 – Sophia
- Class 6 – Logan

## PTFA Thank You!

The Summer Fayre raised an amazing **£1,090.74**. Thank you to everyone involved.

## Attendance

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Class R – 98.9%	Class 1 – 100%
Class 2 – 97.2%	Class 3 – 99%
Class 4 – 99.3%	Class 5 – 97.4%
Class 6 – 98.4%	Whole school – 98.6%



## The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu: **Week 3**

Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 - **NO CLUBS**

- Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> July** --- Response slip from End of Year Reports return date
  - Class 6 rehearsing 'Rock Bottom' am only off site – see separate letter
- Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Class 6 rehearsing 'Rock Bottom' pm only off site – see separate letter
- Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Class 6 rehearsing 'Rock Bottom' all day off site – see separate letter
  - 6pm Class 6 'Rock Bottom' Production
- Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Whole School Grand Day Out – see letter for details
  - PTFA selling ice pops at the end of the school

