



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2020

### Message from the Headteacher

#### Keeping Well

As I hope you know from last week's newsletter there has been a focus in school this week on anti-bullying and mental health. Classes have used the idea of 'uniting against bullying' and have completed a range of activities from considering different bullying scenarios, exploring feelings and celebrating differences as well as the importance of keeping a positive mental health. Years 3 to 6 also completed an online survey focused on their personal feelings of bullying and how, as a school, we can continue to keep our community free from bullying behaviours.

#### Lest we Forget

We marked Remembrance Day on Wednesday and observed two minutes of silence at 11am. Classes watched parts of the ceremonies which the BBC have broadcast: some choosing to watch the wreath laying at the Cenotaph on Sunday, others watching the live service in the Houses of Parliament, or the recording of the service held at the grave of the Unknown Warrior. The children and staff discussed how the fallen and living protected our country and also around the countries within the commonwealth and how we all support each other. The importance of the poppy also played a key part of the lessons in most classes.

#### Pudsey is in the building!

Today of course is Children in Need and our children look great in their yellow and spotty outfits. Some of the classes joined Joe Wicks as he finished his 24 hour PE marathon and completed the last 15 minutes of his remarkable achievement.

Across the school there have also been Pudsey acrostic poems written, Pudsey pictures coloured and painted, posters designed, and a Children in Need carousel of craft activities. Most importantly there has been a focus on why the charity exists and how it supports children in need within our society. Thank you for your support with this.

#### PTFA

Many thanks to those parents who attended, via Zoom (other video platforms are available!) the PTFA AGM on Tuesday morning. The PTFA have raised a fantastic amount of funding for our school and this money continues to be vital in supporting us to provide so many extras for the children. We would like to say a special thank you to Emma Rosen who is stepping down as Chair after 3 years at the helm. I am pleased to say that Sarah Noceda-Stanislawski has agreed to take on the role as Chair and Olivia Sheehan will be Vice-Chair. David Wiltsher has agreed to continue as Treasurer and Amanda Whittington has stepped into the role of Secretary. If you would like to be involved in our PTFA, volunteers are always welcomed so if you are able to help, please come forward.

#### Arrival at school

Children must arrive at school between 8:35 and 8:55am. Please ensure you arrive during this time window as late arrivals cause disruption as the class staff are required to collect children from the gate. We are running short staffed in school and do not have spare staff to collect late arrivals. Please help us with this important matter.

#### Reception Class 2021

Applications opened for Reception Class September 2021 on Thursday, 5th November. If you have a child born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 you can apply online for a place through the Kent County Council website:- [www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places).

Applications close on **15th January 2021**.

Families are welcome to telephone the office to make an appointment to view the school. Appointments can be made for after this current period of lockdown (currently 2.12.20). In line with our Covid-safe arrangements, appointments will last for 15 minutes, will be after the pupils have gone home and will be limited to one family at a time. Please spread the word to anyone you know.





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## Coronavirus Symptoms

Children or staff with any of the three symptoms of Covid:

- a new continuous cough;
- a fever;
- a change in taste or smell

are to stay at home and isolate, as must the rest of their household. They should get a Covid test.

Children and staff must also stay at home and isolate if a member of their household has any of these symptoms until the outcome of a Covid test is known and follow advice accordingly.

To get a test go online to:

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) OR

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> OR

Telephone 111

**Please keep the school well informed throughout the process**

If your child tests positive for Covid you must immediately inform the school – by telephone on 01304 852639 during the school day. If you get a positive result at the weekend, during the evening or in a school holiday please email [secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk).

Helen Comfort

## Birthdays



Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in November.

Finley	Year 6
Lydia	Year 2
Cassie	Year R
Aemilia	Year 6
Harriet	Year 6
Jack	Year 5
Oscar	Year 5
Kieran	Year 2
Logan	Year 1
Oliver	Year 2
Charlotte	Year 4
Emily	Year R
Matthew	Year 5
Henry	Year 4
Logan	Year R
Emily	Year R
Chloe	Year 4
Lewis	Year 4
Annabelle	Year 1
Bethany	Year 4
Jacob	Year R

## Star Awards

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Class R – Jacob

Class 1 – Dudley

Class 2 – Freddie

Class 3 – Gracie

Class 4 – George

Class 5 – Jake T

Class 6 – Louis



## Children In Need

Thank you for your kind donations for Children In Need. We will let you know how much has been raised in next week's newsletter.



## The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November** - Class 1 parent/teacher telephone consultations – by appointment

**Lunch Menu – Week 1**

