



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 27th November 2020

Message from the Headteacher

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The school tree has been put up today – many thanks to Sophie M and Zachariah from Class 6 for decorating it for us all. This year it is being positioned at the window in the school entrance so that it can be seen and enjoyed by you all at pick-up and by the children during break and lunchtime. Decorated hoops have also been hung in the classrooms and school hall today. Look out for a letter coming out next week detailing how we will be celebrating Christmas in the last week of term.

End of Term Friday 18th December

Please be reminded, or informed if you are a new parent/carer, that we have a slightly earlier finish time on the last day of term at Christmas, Easter and the summer – the ends of terms 2, 4 and 6. Please note below the covid-related pick-up times for classes on Friday 18th December:-

Class R: 1.45pm

Classes 1 and 3: 1.50pm

Classes 2 and 4: 1.55pm

Classes 5 & 6: 2pm

Siblings will be sent out to match at the relevant times.

Year R Forest School

Reception Class have enjoyed their time in our Forest School this week taking part in activities such as making numbers with nature, a number treasure hunt, a sound treasure hunt and enjoying some discovery time.

Reception Class Photograph

We have submitted a photograph to the East Kent Mercury for their new class feature – we will let you know when this is due to be published.

Good News

It has been wonderful to hear that an ex St Margaret's at Cliffe Primary School pupil, Kirsty Gaythwaite, has won a gold award in the National Teaching Awards. Kirsty is a teacher at Goodwin Academy and found out she had won gold on BBC's The One Show with Alex Jones and Ronan Keating yesterday. Well done Kirsty!

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.

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

Families are able to view the school via our 'Virtual Tour' on the school website. Please follow the link below.
<http://www.stmargaretsprimary.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=20>





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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.

Helen Comfort

Star Awards

w/e 27th November 2020

Class R – Lexi

Class 1 – Annabelle

Class 2 – Isobelle

Class 3 – Matilda

Class 4 – Kartikey

Class 5 – Jack Fx

Class 6 – Harriet



The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu – Week 3

Week commencing 30th November 2020

Tuesday 1st December – Response deadline for School Christmas Dinner

Wednesday 2nd December – Response deadline for consent to 'Virtual' Christmas video

