



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 4th December 2020

Message from the Headteacher

Virtual Christmas

Thank you for letting us know whether or not your child is able to be part of the recorded Christmas presentations which they are currently working on. It has been lovely to hear them working on these during this week. You will receive today a separate letter which outlines how we will be spending the last week of this term in celebration of Christmas. We have pushed the school Christmas tree up to the window by main reception so that you can see it while you are waiting for your child at the end of the school day and the children can enjoy it when out at play.

Year 6 Forest School

Class 6 have enjoyed their time learning outside this week. They have undertaken leaf identification study as well as noticing the changes in the environment as we move from autumn to winter. They used natural materials to make dream catchers which are now hanging in the classroom as well as plaited long –grass bookmarks.

Arrival and Dismissal

As you know we go to great lengths to keep the classes of children secure in their bubbles during the school day. We need you to do all that you can to ensure this happens when the children are in your care. I wrote to you earlier this week about this matter– you need to hold onto your child/keep them close to you and leave the site as soon as you have them. Please continue to keep yourselves separate from other families at arrival and dismissal and leave the site as soon as possible both at the beginning and end of the day. I would also recommend that, as the school staff do, adults wear face coverings at these times. Thank you for your support with these important matters.

Who can drop off and collect at arrival and dismissal?

I checked with Kent County Council what the position is regarding who should bring and collect children to and from school now that we have moved out of the National Lockdown and into Tier 3. I have been advised that families should continue to use adults from the child's household or one other childcare bubble household to bring and collect children to and from school. Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

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





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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>

Star Awards

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Class R – Logan

Class 1 – Charlie

Class 2 – Lydia

Class 3 – Alfie

Class 4 – Bethany

Class 5 – Betsy

Class 6 – Isabella



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in December



Rosa	Year 1
Jake	Year 5
Jake	Year 4
Georgina	Year R
Jake	Year 5
Jack	Year 1
Aaron	Year 2
Calum	Year 6
Aradhaya	Year R
Megan	Year 6
Isabelle	Year R
Christopher	Year R
Finley	Year 3
Reece	Year 6
Mae	Year 3
Kira	Year 6

The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu – Week 1

Week commencing 4th December 2020

Wednesday, 9th December - Class 5 Telephone Consultations – By appointment

Thursday, 10th December - Class 5 Telephone Consultations – By appointment

