



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020

### Message from the Headteacher

#### Year 5 Forest School

Class 5 had a very creative time in the Forest school this week. They explored the forest environment and discovered many signs of the changing habitats. They designed their own triangular dream catchers that use natural materials. The children worked skilfully to weave creations that reflected the tranquil forest environment.

#### Christmas Productions

Look out for the parentmails next week which will let you know when our recorded Christmas productions are ready to view.

#### Home Reading

We really appreciate the support you give to your children with their reading. We will be collecting in all reading books next week to take stock. Please do make use of the links below to find suitable reading activities for your children during the holidays:

Suitable for all year groups: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> <https://www.leedsforlearning.co.uk/Page/15600>

<https://www.funbrain.com/books> <https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/>

Suitable for Years 3-6: <https://cornerstoneseducation.co.uk/news/free-access-to-cornerstones-loveto-read-resources-for-home-learning/> <https://openlibrary.org/>

#### School read-along January 2021- Charlotte's Web – message from Mrs Wallis

We will be taking part in our third whole school 'read-along' event in January 2021.

This year we have chosen the classic novel 'Charlotte's Web' written by E.B.White.

All children in Key Stage 2 will be reading the book together. Mrs Lewis and I will read the book to the children in Class 2. The children in classes R and 1 will be read the picture book version of the story: 'Some Pig!'



This will form part of a two week reading and writing project based on this classic children's novel. We will be using the book to teach reading skills as well as for inspiration across other curriculum areas.

In order to achieve our aim for the project we request that each child in classes 3 to 6 has a named copy of the book to be kept in school throughout term 3. We are most grateful to you in supporting us by providing these for your children. It does not have to be a new copy, however I thought it could be a great Christmas gift to add to the list. **The children in classes 3 – 6 will each need a copy in school by Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January.**

#### 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





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### Year R applications – September 2021

#### 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 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

w/e 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020



Class R – Madison

Class 4 – Sammy

Class 1 – Jasper

Class 5 – Lewis

Class 2 – All of Class 2

Class 6 – Megan

Class 3 – James

### Class Disco & 'Bring a Plate'

The children will have the chance to have a disco in their classroom followed by some party food. Please send a plate of party food in for **your child only** on a paper/plastic plate or in a plastic lidded box. Please note the dates below for when your child should bring in their plate of food.

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December – Classes 1, 4 and 6**

**Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December- Classes R, 2, 3 and 5**

### Wear a Christmas Jumper

Just for the fun of it we would like the whole school to dress up in a Christmas jumper on **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**. The brighter the better! Please wear usual clothing on the lower half – school trousers/skirts. Don't buy a jumper especially for this event just wear something bright and add a little tinsel!



### Remember:

**School finishes early on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

### Pick up times are as follows:

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.

### The Week Ahead!

**Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

### Lunch Menu – Christmas Week Menu

**Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner money drop boxes at the gates – please see separate parentmail  
-PE session with Mr Castle – Classes 2, 3, 5 and 6 – PE kit not needed just a change of footwear

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December** – School Christmas Dinner day  
- Christmas Jumper Day – See above  
- PE session with Mr Castle – Classes R, 1 and 4 - PE kit not needed just a change of footwear  
-Christmas Card deadline – last day to bring in class Christmas cards

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