



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 19th March 2021

Star Awards

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Class R – Matilda
Class 1 – Teddy
Class 2 – Gil
Class 3 – Zander
Class 4 – Braylen
Class 5 – Hayden
Class 6 – Alex



Message from the Headteacher

Pleased to be here!

Children's smiles and happy skips into school continue to be the dominant feature in the morning on their arrival to school; this is very good to see!

Story-writing

Children in all classes have been working hard on their writing skills this week. We use an approach called 'Talk for Writing' which helps the children with their creative writing. First of all they hear and/or read a story told to them by the Class Teacher. Then they spend time becoming very familiar with the structure of the story, this will be through drama, re-telling or puppetry for instance. Following this they use the structure of the now familiar story to draw a story-map which supports them in planning and producing their own narrative. This cycle of work takes two to three weeks to complete and we are all looking forward to seeing their efforts on our corridor display boards which are due to be changed shortly.

PE

A polite reminder that we aim to hold all PE lessons outside. Please ensure that your child has PE kit which will keep them warm throughout the entire day, including during their outside games lessons. Hopefully it won't be too long before sunscreen and sun hats will be needed!

Mental Health

Mrs Hindle is now fully trained in Mental Health First Aid. Should any families require support please contact Mrs Hindle who will be pleased to offer help and guidance.

Happy weekend one and all.

Helen Comfort

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

Keeping School Informed

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

Message from Class 5

We have been so pleased to be back in school learning with our class. It is wonderful to be able to play with our friends at playtimes and lunchtimes and share fun games.

We have already enjoyed learning about some Greek Myths including Icarus' flight with his father's amazing wing invention. In art we have used wool and paint techniques to create beautiful wispy, feather pictures. In English we have had great fun acting out the Myth of Icarus. We created stick puppet characters and wrote our own version of Icarus' Greek Myth. In science we have been learning how gears can be used to reduce the effort needed in simple machines.

So much enjoyment with so much learning!

By the children of Class 5.

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 22nd March 2021

Lunch Menu: Week 2

Monday, 22nd March – Class 3 Forest School sessions all week

