



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 10th September 2021

Message from the Headteacher

It has been a busy but successful first full week of the school year. The children have settled well into their new classes and are working hard. They are also enjoying being able to mix with children beyond their own classes. Coming together in the hall for assembly has certainly helped us all to reconnect with the whole school community.

Thank you for continuing to look out for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in your children and yourselves. With fewer control measures in place in school now it is more important than ever that anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms stays away from school and seeks a PCR test. Regular Lateral Flow Testing is also a very good way to identify people who have the virus but do not have symptoms.

PE Kits

The children have adjusted well to the change of routine of changing into PE kit at school. Thank you for sending in a PE kit with your child.

'Meet the Teacher'

Staff have prepared powerpoints about the class and the year ahead for each class. These will be available on the school website shortly – we will let you know when they are.

Classes 3 – 6 Pantomime Trip

You will have seen the information regarding the Key Stage 2 trip to the theatre in December. The deadline for returning your slip and monies is **Monday, 27th September**.

Welcome Back

We are pleased to welcome back Mrs Geere to Class 2 next week. She is looking forward to meeting Class 2 and has lots of activities planned. Thank you to Mrs Faber for working with Class 2 while Mrs Geere has been absent.

Have a lovely weekend!

Helen Comfort

Individual School Photographs

The individual pupil photographs will take place on Tuesday, 14th September – clean uniform, shiny faces and a big smile please!



Star Awards

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Class 1 – Isabelle S
Class 2 – Bella & Teddy
Class 3 – Robbie & Rory
Class 4 – Finley
Class 5 – Eva
Class 6 – All of Class 6



Message from Class 6

As the first full week back to school draws to a close, year 6 children are settled well into their new classroom. They are eagerly stepping up to their responsibilities as role models for the younger children.

Year 6 have been learning all things 'Jabberwocky' this week as we have been delving into Lewis Carroll's famous nonsense poem. The children have discovered the ways in which Carroll uses portmanteau words - he takes words with different meanings and combines them together to make new words, some of which we use in everyday language now, like 'snorted' combined with 'chuckled' becomes 'chortled'. One of their tasks was to learn some of the poem off by heart and to recite it to the class while another activity involved forming new fictional creatures made from portmanteau words.

The children have also written their own quatrain, using Carroll's syllable and rhyme structure as well as including some of their own portmanteau words.

Miss Brett





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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. They should get a PCR Covid test. If a child (under the age of 18 years 6 months) comes into contact with someone who has tested positive at home, school or elsewhere they need to arrange a PCR test, but should continue to attend school while awaiting the result (provided they are well and have no symptoms of COVID). This is a significant change to previously.

To get a test go online to:

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 inform the school – by telephone on 01304 852639 during the school day. If your child tests positive 'out of hours' we do not need to know until the morning of the first day of absence – as with all sickness absence.

Volunteer Helpers

Following the last 18 months when we have been unable to use our volunteer helpers any previous DBS checks are now out of date. If you have previously or would now like to be a volunteer helper to read in school, accompany school trips, help the PTFA with events etc. please email secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk with your full name and what you are volunteering for so that we can apply for a relevant DBS check.



Birthdays

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

Tristan	Year 2
Lola	Year R
Sofia	Year R
Jack	Year 3
Isabella	Year 2
Eloise	Year R
Maisey	Year R
Emmie	Year 6
Noah	Year 3
Thomas	Year 6
Violet	Year 3



The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu: Week 3

Week commencing 13th September 2021

Monday, 13th September - Reception Class stay to lunch this week. Pick up from the playground gate at 1:15pm

Tuesday, 14th September - School Individual Photographs

