



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 17th September 2021

Message from the Headteacher

We continue to be so lucky with the weather – it's such a joy to see the children outside in the fresh air enjoying our extensive school grounds. Forest School sessions resume next week. You will receive a letter prior to your child's class working in the Forest School so that you can send them in with the correct clothing and footwear.

Drop-off and collection arrangements continue to work well because you are all so supportive of what we ask of you; thank you!

Reception Class children stayed for lunch this week and will be with us full time from Monday. Despite being so young they are managing really well with school and are enjoying getting to know their class mates and the staff.

Individual photographs were taken on Tuesday. You will receive information of how to order shortly.

Plans are well underway for our forthcoming Class 5 residential trip. Mrs Hindle and Mr Oliver visited the centre this week to finalise plans and will be sharing these with parent/carers at next week's parent meeting.

Happy weekend to you all

Helen Comfort

Message from Class 5

Year five have been busy this week learning all about the wonderfully descriptive poem; 'The Highwayman', by Alfred Noyes. We have enjoyed examining the rich vocabulary he uses to describe the poem's setting. As well as this, we have studied the figurative language including metaphors, onomatopoeia and similes to name but a few! We have also learned and recited different verses to each other focusing on intonation and volume. We are now creating our own poems in the style of 'The Highwayman' using figurative language effectively.

In Science, we have been exploring space and developing our knowledge of our solar system. We had great fun converting the vast measurements of the distances between the planets and then scaling them down to fit across our playground.

I am really pleased with how well the children have settled into the learning and expectations of Class 5.

Mr Oliver

The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu: Week 1

Week commencing 20th September 2021

Monday, 20th September - Reception Class start attending full-time
Class 6 Forest School sessions all week

Tuesday, 21st September – Class 5 parent meeting for residential trip to Bewl Water 2:30pm in the school hall





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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.

Star Awards

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Class 1 – Eden

Class 2 – Rosa

Class 3 – All of Class 3

Class 4 – Mae & Matilda

Class 5 – Chloe

Class 6 – Jake M & Jake T



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 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.

