



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 24th September 2021

Message from the Headteacher

Reception Class have completed their first full week at school and they have been brilliant! The children had their picture taken by East Kent Mercury this week as part of their first class feature – we will endeavour to let you know when it is published.

Harvest Celebrations

Pines House are leading the school in their harvest festival preparations and service on Friday. Once again we are going to collect items for Dover Foodbank – see separate item on this newsletter and letter of 22nd September for further details. I thank you in advance for your support with this.

Oh yes we will or oh no we won't?!!

Thank you to all of those Key Stage 2 families who have returned permission slips and monies for the Pantomime trip. We have had a hugely positive response with just a small number yet to be returned which is fine as the deadline for return is Monday 27th September. When we have all returned slips I will be able to confirm whether or not this trip can go ahead.

Dogs!

Please be reminded that no dogs are permitted onto the school playground/outside area by Classes 3 and 4.

All Change

The main corridor display boards have been changed this week. Children in all classes have worked on poetry which is the new theme for these boards. The displays will be photographed for the school website so that you can enjoy them too.

Forest School

Year 6 have enjoyed our Forest School this week. They have cleared the pathways, looked for signs of Autumn now coming into our natural areas, classified leaves and learnt about seed dispersal in the many fruits that are currently in the area. They have taken part in tree climbing and this afternoon have enjoyed toasting marshmallows.

Helen Comfort

Message from Class 4

This week Year 4 have been working on making changes to our poem - The Spider and the Fly. We also used different strategies such as: text maps to help us recall our first verse with our new changes. Within Geography we looked at the different features of mountains and created our own labelled diagram to help us remember these. Maths this week has been all about measurement, focusing on length. We have measured, compared and used our column method knowledge to also add and subtract different lengths. We have settled well into Year 4 and work hard every day to ensure we are keeping up with the expectations of our class.

Mrs Fairhurst

The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu: Week 2

Week commencing 27th September 2021

Monday, 27th September - Class 5 Forest School sessions all week

-Response deadline for KS2 trip to The Marlowe Pantomime

Friday, 1st October - Harvest Festival – Classes 1 to 6





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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](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 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.

Harvest



Please send harvest gifts to school on Friday, 1st October. Items such as tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, noodles, instant mash potato, fruit juice (long life), porridge, sponge puddings, dried & UHT milk, squash, and any dried packet food will be gratefully received. No glass bottles or jars please.

Star Awards

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Class 1 – Grace
Class 2 – Sophie
Class 3 – William
Class 4 – Tommy
Class 5 – Braylen
Class 6 – Hannah



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 support with reading 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.

