

Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 15th October 2021

Message from the Headteacher

End of Term 1

The children finish Term 1 today with the staff doing so at the end of next week following our training days. Thank you to all children and families for their support as this school year has started. We have enjoyed starting to bring back a sense of normality for the children during their time at school. Relaxed groupings for lunchtime, playtime and Assembly have benefited the children and staff.

I would like to thank the children and staff for their hard work this term and for their many achievements.

Parent/Carer Consultations

We are going to undertake forthcoming parent/carer consultation meetings by telephone. You will receive information during the first week back about the time for your appointment with the class teacher. Telephone meetings will be held from the week beginning 8th November.

Christmas Plans

We are working to ensure that parent/carers can join us in school, in person, for our infant nativity performances and at church for our carol concerts. We have missed having you all in school and I know many of you have missed being able to join us.

Reception Class 2022

Applications for our Reception Class 2022 open on 5th November 2021. We are very pleased to offer tours of the school for prospective new families – please telephone the school office to make an appointment. Please note that the deadline for applications is 17th January 2022. Do spread the word to people you know who may be interested in a place in our next new class.

Re-start a Heart

Kerrie from Kent Fire and Rescue worked with Year 6 today to teach them this important life-saving skill. They also acquainted themselves with our school defibrillator.

Our wanderers return!

Class 5 children, Mr Oliver, Mrs Hollowday and Mrs Hindle have had an amazing week away on our annual Year 5 residential trip. From canoeing to climbing, mountain-bike riding to orienteering and sailing to axe-throwing(!) they have enjoyed many new experiences and made lasting memories of this special time together. Do have a look at the school twitter page if you are interested to see these activities in action https://twitter.com/stmargaretscp

Thank you to the families for supporting this trip, to the staff for their 24 hour a day care of the children and to the children themselves for their exemplary conduct throughout.

Open Afternoon

Open Afternoon powerpoints will be uploaded to the school website next week. Look out for a parentmail to let you know when they are available to view.

Term 2

Term 2 begins on Monday 1st November and we look forward to all children returning on that date. In the meantime I wish you all a good half term- break.

Helen Comfort







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Royal British Legion

Poppies and other fundraising merchandise from The Royal British Legion will be on sale from **Monday 1**st **November 2021.** If children would like to bring in some money these items will be sold during morning breaktime. A separate letter with pricing details will be sent via parentmail.



Message from Class 2

I can't believe it is the end of Term 1 already! The children have settled in extremely well to Class 2, I am very proud of all of them. The children have been doing lots of super learning this week. We have read 'The Big Book of the Blue' and the children have made their own sea animal and created a fact file inside. In science, they completed an experiment on 'How flexible is plastic?' The children predicted which plastic bottle would be the most flexible. They squirted the water in the playground and measured each one to find out. They have also been fantastic mathematicians this week learning about multiplication including; equal groups, repeated addition and arrays. Amazing learning Class 2, well done!

Mrs Geere

Star Awards

w/e 15th October 2021

Class 1 – Lexi

Class 2 – Theo

Class 3 – Scarlet-Mae

Class 4 – Kobe

Class 5 - Eva & Lillie

Class 6 – Betsy



Start of Term 2

Children return to school on Monday 1st November 2021



Coronavirus Symptoms

Children or staff with <u>any</u> of the three symptoms of Covid:

- a new continuous cough;
- a fever;
- a change in taste or smell

are to <u>stay at home</u> 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.

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 18th October 2021

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd October – INSET Days – pupils not required in school

Weeks commencing 1st November 2021

Clubs start this week

Monday, 1st November – Start of Term 2

-Deadline to return monies and form for clubs

-Class 2 forest school sessions all week

Friday, 5th November – Deadline for Love In A Box to be brought into school





Lunch Menu: Week 1