



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 26th November 2021

Message from the Headteacher

At last... it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The tree has been decorated today, the decorated hoops have been hung in the hall and the nativity has been set out. It feels good to be getting into the Christmas spirit – something we all need to cheer us on these dark and chilly days of winter.

Hopefully you will all have seen the Christmas letter which came out this week which explains the arrangements for our Reception Class Stay and Play, Key Stage 1 Nativity and Key Stage 2 Carol Concert. Look out for parentmails which have come out today inviting you to book tickets for these.

The PTFA met this week to develop plans for an in-school Christmas event for the children – further information will be shared next week.

Fire Safety Talk

On Tuesday we welcomed a Fire Safety Officer into school. Your children should have all come home to share what they have learnt with you. Ask them: how to safely check smoke detectors are working properly, how to create a fire evacuation plan for you all at home and how to test if a door is safe to go through. This was an extremely interesting session and a life skill that it is good to have.

Year 6 - Winter Lanterns

We have been very lucky to have been invited to take part in Dover's Winter Lantern Procession this year and on Tuesday Year 6 had some artists in class for the day running a workshop. Using willow and paper they created beautiful lanterns which will now have LED lights added. On Saturday 4th December they will take part in a procession in Dover, with their families and other local schools. This sounds as though it will be a wonderful start to their Christmas activities.

COVID-19

Further to my letter earlier in the week about four identified cases this week we have today been notified of a further confirmed case. We know that regular Lateral Flow Testing works very well to identify COVID infection; thank you to families who are using these. The use of LFTs has definitely prevented people with infection coming into school.

We are very much hoping to run our Christmas events with audiences, you will appreciate that this will be dependent on infection rates within our school community at the time. If you have any questions or concerns about our plans please do let me know.

Helen Comfort

Message from Class 4

Year 4 have really enjoyed diving into our focus text – Escape from Pompeii. The children used a variety of activities to understand who the characters are and how they were feeling during the volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius. Using their imagination and creativity, the children then made changes to our key text to generate a story of their own choosing.

In History, we have been learning about the Romans. We have been really intrigued by the many different areas of the Roman times and have carried this learning across within our homework. Year 4 have created some outstanding Roman shields using a range of resources at home.

We hope you think they are amazing, just like we do!

Mrs Fairhurst





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Star Awards

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Star Awards will be given out in assembly next week and names will appear in next week's newsletter.



Christmas post box opens on Wednesday 1st December!

Please ensure all envelopes have name and class written clearly.



Christmas Events

The response deadline is Wednesday 1st December. You must respond to the online form if you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner. Responses are required for 'Stay and Play' for Class R and ticket requests for the KS1 Christmas Play and KS2 Carol Service.

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.

Reception Class 2022

Applications opened for Reception Class September 2022 on **Friday, 5th November**. If you have a child born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018 you can apply online for a place through the Kent County Council website:-

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places.

Applications close on **17th January 2022**.

The Week Ahead!

New Lunch Menu: Week 2

Week commencing 29th November 2021

Last Week of Clubs for Term 1

Monday, 29th November – Class 5 Forest school sessions all week

Wednesday, 1st December – Christmas Post Box is open for business!

-Deadline for response for all Christmas events (see separate letter and forms on parentmail)

Friday, 3rd December – Reception Class Dress Up Day

