



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 21st January 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Glorious sunny weather today to end the week with – plenty of opportunity for the children to chase their shadows on the playground!

Art Exhibition

Children in all classes are continuing to enjoy putting the finishing touches to the pieces they have been working on for our annual art exhibition which will be displayed at school this year. We will notify you when photographs of the displays are available for you to view. I am pleased to say that the Pines Calyx have already put us in their diary for January 2023 when we very much hope to be able to host our exhibition there once again.

Deal Town Football Club - 'Design Our Kit!'

Last term, children in years 5 and 6 were given the opportunity to design Deal Town Football Club's new 2022-2023 football kit along with other children from Deal primary schools. Over 400 entries were received by Deal Town FC and their board of directors have shortlisted 10 final entries. Two of these are from St Margaret's! These are Josh in Year 6 and Samuel J in Year 5! Josh's home kit design has been shortlisted and Samuel's has been shortlisted for the goalkeeper category. We would love if you could support our pupils by voting in this final part of the competition. Voting is open from now until 1st March 2022. Please do share with family and friends too! Follow the link below to vote.

<https://forms.gle/f8VNBRWPaaeGs3dA>

Reception Class 2022

Whilst the deadline to apply to the Local Authority for a place in our new Reception class has passed we can assist with late applications so do please get in touch if you or someone you know has a child due to start school.

Reminder

Following a collision in the playground this week please can I just remind you again that there should be no scooters or bikes being ridden on the school grounds. This includes Nursery and pre-school children.

Covid

Thank you for your attention to the letters regarding Covid-19 infection within our school community. You will have seen that we have had quite a spike in transmission in the last 10 days. I thank you also for your following of the government guidelines and for your timely communication with the school office staff.

It is lovely to see children who have been isolating at home following positive LFT or PCR tests, starting to return to school.

As you will all know we continue to have newly identified infections within most of our classes and all classes are still within a seven day daily Lateral flow Testing window – see separate letter already sent out today.

I have checked with our Area Education Officer today and the guidance remains that those returning to school, after isolating with Covid, should also Lateral Flow Test daily if they come into contact with someone who tests positive eg a classmate. If they get a positive result they should start a new period of isolation. Parent/carers of returnees will need to keep an eye on the letters advising of infection within the class so that they know if their returning child has been at school on the day of a newly identified infection.

Thank you for your attention to this – I am sure, like me, you long for days when we no longer need to think, read or write about Covid-19!

Helen Comfort





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Message from Class 5

This week Class 5 have focused our English learning around the poem *Tyger, Tyger* by William Blake. We have learnt how the poet uses descriptive language to depict superb imagery of the majestic tiger prowling through the jungle. We have used this poem to inspire our own poetry writing using the ideas of rhythm and rhymes found in *Tyger, Tyger*.

We have also explored Henri Rousseau's painting; *Tiger in a tropical storm* (Surprised!). The painting is both dramatic and imaginative. We were inspired by Rousseau's painting style and created our own portraits that capture the vision of this magnificent tiger camouflaged deep in the tropical jungle.

Mr Oliver

Coronavirus Symptoms

Updated Guidance

From 11 January in England, people without symptoms who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and get a PCR test (see below). They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.

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.

To get a test go online to:

nhs.uk/coronavirus OR

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> OR

Telephone 111

Changes to the self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

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

w/e 21st January 2022

Class 1 – Lydia

Class 2 – Betty

Class 3 – Teddy

Class 4 – William

Class 5 – Lucie & Claudia

Class 6 – Flora



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 24th January
2022

CLUBS CANCELLED FOR THIS WEEK

Lunch Menu – Week 1

