



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

### Message from the Headteacher

As we end this term we are already half-way through this academic year! I would like to thank all families for their support and the children and staff for their hard work.

I am looking forward to further Government announcements about Covid-19 after half term and will share with you all as soon as possible any changes in the ways that we will be working at school in light of these.

#### Safer Internet Day

Across the school on Tuesday, as part of National Internet Safety Day, we explored the theme of respect and relationships online. Every class from Year R to Year 6 considered how to keep themselves safe and what could be shared with someone online and what should be kept a secret. Here's a little glimpse of what else each class did:

Reception Class listened to the story Smartie the penguin, an internet safety story for the early years. Year 1 used the story of Ben and Buddy to learn about staying safe on the internet. They learnt a song and played a sorting game. Year 2 considered who helps them to stay safe online and finished their day reading the lovely Digiduck story. Year 3 also completed a sorting activity and discussed how to show respect to others online by being kind in chat conversations. Year 4 discussed key pieces of vocabulary that they may come across when online and what these words meant and then moved onto brainstorming all the ways they can be safe online. Year 5 created top tips to stay safe online and discussed what the word appropriate meant and how they can report any concerns they have. Finally in Year 6 fortune tellers were made which included questions or conversation starters inside about online safety for the children to be able to go home and learn at home with their families.

Please do continue to speak with your children and share in their learning about this very important subject.

#### Deal Learning Alliance Football Tournament

On Tuesday ten children from across classes 4, 5 and 6 took part in an inter school football tournament with the Deal primary schools at Warden House School. They did outstandingly well. They finished at the top of their group, without conceding a goal and went through to the semi-finals against Kingsdown Primary School. After convincingly beating them with a score of 3 goals to nil, the final was ahead of them. This was, Mr Castle reports, a very hard-fought final with both schools scoring a goal. There was the opportunity for extra-time and penalties but the two schools decided to have a joint win and share the glory and the trophy. Our huge congratulations go to: Grace, Betsy, Oscar and Jayden in Year 6, Sammy, Samuel, Jack and Caitlin in Year 5 and to Isla and William in Year 4. Your behaviour and conduct was a credit to the school and you should be very proud of yourselves. Thanks also to the parents who transported the children over to Deal, I hope you enjoyed watching all the matches.

#### Love is in the air!

Thank you for your support of our Class 6 Enterprise Event. I am pleased to say that the children raised £182.85. Half to go to Macmillan Cancer Support and half to be spent on something for the class.

#### 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 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Please do share with family and friends too! Follow the link below to vote.

<https://forms.gle/f8VNBWPaaeGs3dA>

#### Farewell

We said a fond farewell to Keeley Marconi last week. Many of you will know her through her time at school in the roles of Lunchtime Supervisor and After School Childcare Supervisor. I know you will want to join with me in thanking her for all that she has contributed to our school community and to wish her well in her new venture.

I wish you all a good half term break and look forward to seeing you next term. Children return to school on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

Helen Comfort





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### Message from Class 2

Class 2 have been having lots of fun. We all enjoyed dressing up as Rock Stars and with numbers last week - they all looked awesome! We have also been enjoying designing and making waistcoats for teddy bears, as well as learning how to play the glockenspiel. Class 2 finished their big write this week on the story Cat, Bramble and Heron, where they have all worked extremely hard and their re-telling was fantastic! I hope you all have a wonderful half term, full of lots of fun and relaxation!

Mrs Geere

### Star Awards

w/e 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Class 1 – Isabelle F

Class 2 – Charlie

Class 3 – Lottie

Class 4 – James

Class 5 – Eva & Jake

Class 6 – Hayden



### The Week Ahead!

**Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> February  
2022**

**CLUBS RE-START THIS WEEK**

**Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> February – Start of term 4 –  
Pupils return to school**

**New Lunch Menu – Week 1**

### New Lunch Menu

Please see attached new lunch menu for week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022.

### Term 4

**Children return to school on  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022**

### 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](https://www.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.

