



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 25th February 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to Term 4!

It has been lovely to have everyone back into school this week. I am pleased to report that the school site survived the storms which we had during the half term break. You may have noticed some new playground markings – work to complete these was interrupted by the storms so these are due to be completed in the next few weeks.

Parent/Carer Consultations 7th, 9th, 14th & 16th March

I am very pleased to say that we are going to hold in person, in school meetings – I am very much looking forward to welcoming you into school for these.

Meetings will be held in the school hall, to reduce numbers we will hold these over four evenings rather than the usual two – due to this arrangement if you have more than one child you may need to attend more than one evening. Apart from that, arrangements will be just as those who have attended before will be familiar with. You will receive a parentmail with a link inviting you to sign up for an appointment with your child's/children's class teacher(s).

Staffing

You may have noticed a new member of staff opening the gates in the morning. We welcome Mr Ricky Collins who is our new Site Manager. We would like to thank Mr Dominic Castle for covering aspects of this role whilst we recruited for this position. We also say goodbye to Mrs Maria Lane this week. We would like to thank Maria for her hard work as a cleaner at the school.

Deal Town Football Club - 'Design Our Kit!' – Deadline to vote 1st March

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/f8VNBWPWPaeeGs3dA>

Living with COVID-19

You will all be aware of Government announcements this week regarding the management of matters related to COVID-19. Please see the reverse of this letter for information regarding managing symptoms and/or confirmed infection. We await further guidance for when freely available testing is no longer available – after 31st March. In the meantime we will continue to keep rooms well ventilated. Thank you for your continued support with these matters.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Helen Comfort

Message from Class 1

What a busy week back in Class 1 for the start of Term 4.

The children have been reading and writing instructions for making a jam sandwich. We wrote our instructions very carefully so that we could follow them to make our own delicious jam sandwich!

Super reading, writing and sandwich making Year 1, very well done for all your efforts this week.

Mrs Hoile



World Book Day – 3rd March 2022

You have already received a letter detailing how we are going to celebrate World Book Day this year. We look forward to seeing the children dressed up as book characters. Please send in your £1 donation for the World Book Day charity with your child on Thursday to give to their teacher.



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 28th February 2022

Monday, 28th February – Class 5 Enterprise Week – see details overleaf

Thursday, 3rd March – World Book Day – come to school dressed as a book character

-2:30pm Class 4 Parents' Information Meeting about residential trip in hall



Lunch Menu – Week 2





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Star Awards

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Class 1 – Matilda
Class 2 – Bella
Class 3 – Daisy
Class 4 – Preston
Class 5 – Joseph & Chloe W
Class 6 – Joshua



Coronavirus Symptoms

Updated Guidance

From 24th February there is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have any of these symptoms you should book a PCR test. If you have problems or cannot use the online service, call 119. You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

If tested positive for COVID-19, you should self-isolate for at least five full days, and should continue to follow guidance until you have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days from day 5.

Keeping School Informed

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 please 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.

Year 5 Enterprise Week

Next week, the children in year 5 will be busy becoming entrepreneurs! The children will be working to design and create craft items on the theme of World Book Day. They will be selling their gifts to children across the school during break times on Friday 4th March. Gifts will range from between 50p to £2.

The purpose of Enterprise Week is to teach the children about creating a business as well as how to manage their budget and profit. Of the monies raised, half will be donated to the children's choice of charity Red Nose Day while the other half will be spent on a treat for the class.

If your child wishes to bring in some money to spend, please ensure it is in a named purse or wallet.

Thank you
Mr Oliver

Community News

We have been asked to advertise the following information about St Margaret's at Cliffe Brownies and Guides.

St Margaret's at Cliffe Brownies and Guides

Dear parents, guardians and carers

We are re-starting St. Margaret's at Cliffe Brownies and Guides again following the last two years of the coronavirus and its restrictions.

Our first meeting will be on **Monday 28th February 2022** and it is open to all young girls from St Margaret's and the surrounding area.

We are able to offer places for girls aged 7 and over for Brownies and girls aged 10 and over for Guides.

We will meet on a Monday night at St Margaret's Scout Hut (next to the village hall) from 6:30pm until 8:00pm.

If your daughter/ward is interested please, in the first instance, register your interest on the Guiding System on Girlguiding.org.uk. One of the leaders will then be able to contact you direct.

If you would like to discuss any points further please contact Tanya on 079 191 036 40.

If you, as a parent, would like to be involved as a potential helper, either with or without a young person, please also get in touch. You will be made very welcome.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Wendy Rogers
St Margaret's Brownie and Guide Leader

