

# Weekly Newsletter - Friday, 1st April 2022

## Message from the Headteacher

#### **End of Term 4**

Goodness me this term seems to have flown by! And what extraordinary weather we have experienced over the last two days - here's hoping for some calmer warmer weather as we head into the Easter Holidays.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their commitment and hard work and the children for theirs too. Thank you also to families for your continued support.

#### **Living with Covid**

Today we enter the next phase of 'living with Covid'. As you will all know Lateral Flow Tests are no longer freely available although you may have some at home which you can use or purchase if you wish. As you will see, the focus now will be symptoms rather than test results.

The latest Department for Education guidance is overleaf for your attention.

#### PTFA Fundraiser - "The Smarties Challenge"

This week your child will have brought home a full tube of Smarties (or 'free from' equivalent if your child has allergies) with a note on it from the PTFA about this fun fundraising challenge.

The children will, we hope, enjoy eating the Smarties and should then keep the empty tube for their Easter fundraising challenge. We'd then like them to do small jobs around the house in return for 20p pieces. They should collect the coins in the empty tube and return them during the first week back after the Easter holiday.

#### Spring Concert

It's been a busy week for our children and staff preparing their Spring Concert video presentations to share with you. Musical sounds have been heard throughout the school as the children have been rehearsing. Class presentations have been uploaded to the school website and are available for you to view in the Latest News section within the Calendar and Events tab https://www.stmargaretsprimary.co.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1

#### Easter Egg Trail St Margaret's Village Sunday 10th April

Thomas Wisbey, a former St Margaret's pupil, has been chosen to represent Dover at the World Scout Jamboree in South Korea in August 2023. In order to go he needs to raise £4,000 and has been organising a number of events. One of these is an Easter Egg Trail in St Margaret's on Sunday 10th April. Please see attached poster for more information. We wish Thomas well with his fundraising.

#### New Lunch Menu

Whole School Meals have issued their new menu for Terms 5 & 6 and a copy of this has been emailed out with this newsletter to parent/carers. We return to school on Week 1 of the new menu. Whole School Meals have advised on Tuesday 19th April they will be serving the Monday week 1 menu and there will be no jacket potato option on this day. The menu will resume as normal with a roast on Wednesday.

I wish you all a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you back at school at the start of the summer term.

**Helen Comfort** 

# **Message from Class 3**

Class 3 have been busy designing and creating a cushion for our Design and Technology project. Our aim was to design and create an embellished cushion, learning joining and attaching skills. We used fabric paint to create a background design. We are now finishing the decorating using running stitch, buttons and beads. When finished we will sew up the edges and stuff them. The children have enjoyed the sewing part of the project and are now fully skilled to help with any buttons at home!



#### Mrs Wallis







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## **Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in April.

Year 5
Year 1
Year 4
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Year 3
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Year 2
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Year 1
Year 6
Year 3
Year 2
Year 1
Year 3
Year 5
Year 3



## **Coronavirus Symptoms**

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the <u>next steps for living with COVID-19</u> in England from Friday 1 April.

#### **Updated guidance**

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Children and young people with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, which is when they are most infectious.

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious.

## **PTFA Thank You**

Thank you to our PTFA for helping the Easter bunny today and providing the eggs for the class hunts.



# WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY EASTER



Children return to school on Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### **Star Awards**

w/e 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Class 1 – Adelaide

Class 2 - Jasper

Class 3 - Darcy & Oliver

Class 4 - Darshhi

Class 5 – Braylen & Joseph

Class 6 - Mitchell

# The Week Ahead!

New Lunch Menu – Week 1

Week commencing 19th April 2022

**Extra-Curricular Clubs start back** 

Monday, 18th April – EASTER MONDAY BANK HOLIDAY (School is closed)

Tuesday, 19th April - Term 5 begins



