



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022

### Message from the Headteacher

#### Here comes summer!

Welcome to the summer term – a lovely sunny week to ease us all back into school with beautiful blossom across the school site. The children and staff have all returned in good spirits and much has been achieved this week.

#### Staff News

We welcome Mrs Kirsty Lavender to the team this week – she will be undertaking the role of Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo), working two days a week; Wednesdays and Thursdays. Based in Mrs Hindle's office, Mrs Lavender will be undertaking a period of induction and handover during the coming weeks. Mrs Hindle will remain the first point of contact for parents during this time. You may find that you meet with both Mrs Hindle and Mrs Lavender initially but as time progresses Mrs Lavender will take the lead.

Mrs Hindle remains as Head of School at St Margaret's so will still be available for all parents as currently. We are excited about this increase in capacity and look forward to Mrs Lavender establishing herself as our school SENCo.

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Mrs Terri Turnbull. We would like to thank Terri for her hard work as a cleaner at the school. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Lesley Morley who is our new cleaner and has started this week.

#### Parking

The issue of car movement and parking at drop-off and collection times is a perennial problem for the parent/carers of and local residents near to all schools and we are no exception to this. As a village school, we rely on families who live beyond walking distance to bring their children to us in order to keep our school full, we do not wish to make life difficult for these car drivers. Use of the village car park and then pedestrian access via the Chapel Lane gate is the preferred approach which we encourage parent/carers to take. Parking is available on Sea Street and other residential streets

The Highway Code is clear about the restrictions associated with the yellow zig-zag lines outside schools – see below:-

#### Rule 238

....You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings (see '[Road markings](#)') when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.

No matter how pushed for time you are do not park on the yellow zig-zags; they are there to keep everyone as safe as possible during a busy time. Please park safely and responsibly; I thank you all for your support with this.

#### PTFA Smartie Fundraiser

We hope the children have had fun eating the smarties and re-filling the tubes with 20p coins. Thank you to those of you who have already sent in the filled tubes to school. Please can we ask that all tubes are returned by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April**.

#### Traffic Management

A production company have let us know that they will be filming along Upper Road next Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> April between 10am and 6:30pm. They will be using stop and go boards to manage the traffic whilst filming takes place which may cause delays to you at pick up time. Please allow some extra time or choose an alternative route to school on this day.

#### Early Years

Offer letters for our new children due to start with us in September were sent out last week; we are looking forward to meeting our new cohort soon. We have been pleased to invest in some new outdoor blocks equipment this term which the children in Reception Class are already enjoying using to support their learning through play.



Wishing you all a good weekend.

Helen Comfort





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### Message from Class 2

Welcome back to school, we hope you enjoyed the Easter break.

Class 2 had an incredibly exciting end to Term 4 with the arrival of our four chicks. Fluffy, Godzilla, Reggie Jr and Mr T. They have all settled in well to their new home with Mr Oliver. We will provide up-dates to the children about their progress. This term we are moving on from life-cycles in Science and will be spending time outside investigating different animals and their habitats.

We are also going to be exploring Australia as part of our Geography topic. We will be investigating and comparing their climate, culture and animals, as well as studying Aboriginal art.

Mrs Geere

### Coronavirus Symptoms

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 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.

### Year 3 Enterprise Week

Next week, the children in year 3 will be busy becoming entrepreneurs! The children will be working to design two different items to sell. They will be making 'sensory' fidget toys and creating a selection of 'pick and mix' sweet bags. The items will be priced at £1.00 each and will be sold on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April.

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 – The Dog's Trust 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.

Many thanks,

Mrs Wallis



### Star Awards

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Class 1 – May  
Class 2 - William  
Class 3 – Harley  
Class 4 - Darshhi  
Class 5 – Lewis  
Class 6 – Lyle



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### The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022

### New Lunch Menu – Week 2



Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> April – Class 4 Assembly – 9am in the school hall

