

Weekly Newsletter - Friday, 13th May 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Open Afternoon Wednesday 25th May

I am very pleased to say that we are going to return to our usual end of term Open Afternoons and invite parent/carers to come into school. I will outline what that means for those of you who have not yet experienced this, and for those of you who have but need reminding (which I don't blame you for – some elements of pre-pandemic life are hard to remember!). Children will be dismissed from class as usual at home time. You are invited to come into school with your child via the main entrance and then go to their classroom to have a look at their workbooks. You can also have an informal chat with the class teacher as well as enjoy our corridor displays. This event usually lasts for 45 minutes to an hour.

Please note change of date to that published in September dates letter for this event.

Please don't come into school if you have Covid-19 or covid symptoms.

We look forward to seeing you!

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

A reminder that we will be celebrating at school on Thursday, 26th May with a dress-up day; red, white, blue or regal and a tea party – children to bring a packed tea for our 'street party' on the school playground!

We have also written to you about a couple of local community events which we have been asked to help support. Thank you to those of you who have confirmed that their child(ren) will be able to attend and take part in the village celebrations on Saturday, 4th June. The children are doing well in learning the songs for this. If you have not returned your form yet the deadline to reply is Friday 20th May.

In addition, the South Foreland Lighthouse staff have asked us to learn an additional song which we hope families can learn together and form a school family choir at the event on Thursday 2nd June. Please see separate letter for details of rehearsals to be held at school.

School Lunches

A reminder, please, to all of our families in Reception Class and Classes 1 and 2 that children need to eat a school lunch on Thursday 19th May in order to secure funding for their Infant Free School Meals for the year.

St Margaret's at Cliffe Brownies and Guides

St Margaret's at Cliffe Brownies and Guides have re-opened and are looking for new members to join them. Please see information overleaf about how to register your child to join and how to become a leader if this is of interest to you.

Tennis Coaching

We have been lucky enough to secure some free tennis coaching with Karen Hodgson, a Level 2 LTA Accredited Tennis Coach, for children in years 3 and 4 who are taking part in a doubles tournament on 9th June. Ms Hodgson has been in school today and we have another 2 sessions booked with her. This coaching will give our younger competitors a little practise and an understanding of what it may be like to compete before the tournament. We are very grateful to be receiving this coaching.

Have a good - hopefully sunny - weekend!

Helen Comfort

Message from Class 6

Year 6 have been busy this week sitting their SATs tests in Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar. The children have worked so hard and shown great perseverance in undertaking these assessments. We are so very proud of their efforts! We have turned some of our attention to our end of year production, which we are pleased to announce is entitled 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies'. Watch this space for further details!

Miss Brett







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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.

Year 4 Enterprise Week

Next week, the children in year 4 will be busy becoming entrepreneurs! The children will be working to design items to sell. They will be making squidgy fidget toys which will be priced at £1.00 each and will be sold on Friday 20th May.

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 Red Cross 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 Byatt





St Margaret's at Cliffe

Brownies and Guides has re-opened

Meeting Mondays

If your daughter would like to join us please visit :

Girlguiding.org.uk

and register her interest,
one of the local leaders will get in touch with you

If you would like to become a helper, please feel free to contact Wendy: 07895197995

PTFA Jubilee Scavenger Hunt

Celebrate Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee and support St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School at the same time! The PTFA are planning more family fun with their very own "Crowns Around Town".

All families that would like to display a Crown will need to sign up by the 16th May by returning the slip from the flyer sent by parentmail earlier this week to the Village Shop or the School Office, along with a £5 donation.

Then display your Crown in your front window or garden from the 27th May to 6th June!

All families can then join in the fun by purchasing maps from the Village Shop or the School Office from 23rd May, then from the 27th May hunt for the Crowns!





Star Awards



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Class 1 - Oliver

Class 2 – Leah

Class 3 – Freddie

Class 4 – Freya & Mae

Class 5 – Hannah & Lucie

Class 6 - All of Class 6

The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu Week 2

Week commencing 16th May 2022

Monday, 16th May – Deadline for signing up to display a Crown for PTFA Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, 17th May – Year 6 swimming – please remember swimming kit/towel

Thursday, 19th May – School Census Day – Children in Classes R, 1 & 2 please register for cooked school dinner

Friday, 20th May – Year 4 Enterprise gifts on sale



