



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022

### Message from the Headteacher

#### **Kent Test registration for Year 5 pupils**

Registration for the Kent Test, for children due to start secondary school in September 2023, will close at midnight today (Friday 1 July 2022). If you would like to register your child and haven't done so yet please make sure you register by the deadline today as they will not accept late registrations.

#### **Fantastic Fred**

On Tuesday the children took part in a live, interactive and engaging performance from The Fantastic Fred Experience. Specifically designed to inform, equip and build resilience, the performance delivered simple, memorable and practical ways that young children can look after their mental health. The letters in FRED's name represent the areas of educational focus: **FOOD** (eating the right foods), **REST** (getting the right sleep), **EXERCISE** (being active) and **DEVICES** (managing time on digital devices).

#### **Spelling Bee**

We were very pleased to host one of the Deal Learning Alliance Spelling Bee semi-finals this week. Edie, Gill, Arthur, Matilda, Claudia, Samuel, Charlie & Jensen represented St Margaret's in the two heats; one for years 3 and 4 and one for years 5 and 6. As always the competition was nail-biting with words such as pneumonia, receipt and silhouette which the children had to spell out loud to the audience made of parents, staff and our classes.

Huge congratulations to all participants and to Claudia, Samuel, Jensen & Charlie from years 5 & 6 who will be representing St Margaret's in the final.

#### **Covid**

I am afraid that we have had a couple of identified cases of Covid within the school population this week – the first known ones for a long time. As you all know we need to be vigilant about potential symptoms, take a test to check, stay at home if positive and continue to take care!

#### **Staff News**

At the beginning of this month I advised you of staff changes for next academic year. We have now completed recruitment of teaching staff. In addition to those I have already told you about, we have also appointed Mr Harry Wratten. Some of you may know him as he was with us as a student teacher in Year 6 last academic year, he is taking over the maternity cover for Mrs Fairhurst.

The plan for next year is as follows:-

- Class R – Miss Emma Owen
- Class 1 – Mrs Clare Hoile and Miss Helen Moloney
- Class 2 - Miss Eleanor Fordham
- Class 3 – Mr Harry Wratten
- Class 4 – Mrs Kate Byatt
- Class 5 – Mr Julian Oliver
- Class 6 – Miss Lucy Brett

New members of teaching staff will be in school for induction work and to meet their new classes over the next couple of weeks. We hope they will all be with us on 7<sup>th</sup> July when classes will have a session in the classroom they will be in next year with their new teacher.

#### **PTFA Thanks**

At the time of writing Year 6 are visiting Betteshanger Country Park for their annual PTFA funded trip. The children are taking part in Mountain Biking, Nerf Tag, Boonies Obstacle Course and toasting marshmallows around the campfire. Thank you to those who support the fund-raising towards this special event.

#### **Year 6**

Rehearsals for Year 6's forthcoming production of 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies' are well under way. The grand performance at the Village Hall will be on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm and tickets will be available to purchase from next week at 3pm every day outside the Year 6 classroom

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Helen Comfort





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## 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.

## Message from Class R

Wow! I still can't believe we are coming to the end of the children's first year in Class R. It has been a wonderful year and Miss Woodward and I are so proud of everyone in the class.

This week I will be sending home the children's wish from the wish tree and apart from a trip to the North Pole and meeting a real life unicorn, every wish has come true!

Miss Woodward and I would like to thank you for your continued support with your child's learning. We are going to miss them lots and know that they will all continue to shine like the stars they are!

Mrs Collins

## 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies'

Class 6 are busy rehearsing their end of year production of 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies'.

The performance will be on **Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm** in St Margaret's Village Hall.

Tickets will be sold by the children every day at 3pm on the playground from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July**.

The cost of the tickets are £6 for adults and £3.50 for children. Please come and support our Class 6 children.



## Star Awards



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Class 1 – Nicholas

Class 2 – Ruby

Class 3 – Edie & Gil

Class 4 – Arthur & Matilda

Class 5 – Claudia & Samuel

## PTFA 'Fete on the Field'

Thank you to everyone who came along to our PTFA's 'Fete on the Field' supporting the PTFA and enjoying the sunshine. It was a great afternoon and we hope to let you know in next week's newsletter the total raised.

A special thank you to the PTFA team, staff, and Class 6 children who helped set up, run and clear away the stalls.

## The Week Ahead!

## Lunch Menu: Week 2

Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**CLUBS HAVE FINISHED FOR THIS TERM**

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> July – Class 1 Forest School sessions all week

- 'Robin and The Sherwood Hoodies' tickets on sale from 3pm every day outside Year 6 classroom

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 swimming – please remember swimming kit/towel

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> July – Deal Learning Alliance Spelling Bee Final – selected pupils

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> July – Class 6 Secondary Transition Day

