



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 23rd September 2022

Message from the Headteacher

A short week at school but still plenty packed in!

House Meetings and House Captains

The first house meetings of the year were held this week with each House being lobbied by Year 6 candidates who were putting themselves forward as potential House Captains.

Each nominee presented a speech to their house detailing why they were the best candidate. In true democratic style a secret ballot was held with the successful post-holders as follows:

Lighthouse – Elliot and Caitlin

Cliffe - Reagan and Hannah

Pines - Renon and Lucy

Bay - Jack and Lewis

Congratulations to all who participated and particularly to our new House Captains who received their badges of office in assembly today.

Harvest Celebrations

Lighthouse House are leading the school in their harvest festival preparations and service next Friday. Once again we are going to collect items for Dover Foodbank – see separate item on this newsletter and letter of 20th September for further details. I thank you in advance for your support with this.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Extra-curricular clubs will commence next week. Letters have been sent home regarding places allocated and payment information. If you haven't already done so please return the reply slip by Monday morning at the latest. I thank all staff who give their time to provide these additional opportunities. Please be reminded that it is a condition of attendance that all children – including Year 6 – are collected from clubs by an adult. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Corridor Displays

Displays in our main corridor and hall areas have been changed this week. Staff have chosen Queen Elizabeth II as our theme this time with work which pays tribute to her reign. Do have a look at these when you are next in school.

Annual Nasal Flu Vaccinations

The Kent and Medway School Aged Immunisation Service will be coming into school soon to carry out the Flu Immunisation Programme for pupils in Years R - 6 – don't forget to consent or decline before the cut-off date today, **Friday, 23rd September** via their website [Immunisation Team | Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust \(kentcht.nhs.uk\)](https://www.kentcommunityhealthnhs.uk/immunisation-team)

Helen Comfort
Executive Headteacher

Message from Class 4

Class 4 have had an enjoyable week finding out about the Roman invasion of Britain, right here on our very own doorstep!

Centurion George explained how Gaius Julius Caesar attempted to invade Britain on the beaches of Walmer. Next time you are at the beach, look out for the Roman statue on the seafront. He also introduced us to the clothing and weaponry Roman soldiers would have used, as well as their successful military tactics. It's fair to say, a Roman army of class 4 would have scared off any Celtic tribes!

In Literacy, we have begun writing a non-chronological report about spiders. This has also helped us with our classification of animals as part of our Science. Ask us to name all 6 groups of animals. Our maths focus has been on place value and how much each digit is worth in a number. We have practised counting forwards and backwards in steps of 1s, 10s, 100s and 1,000s. Try it with us as we climb the stairs.

Don't forget ... next week we are at Forest School so please bring suitable trainers for climbing that can be left at school for the week.

Mrs Byatt





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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 (day of positive test is day 0), 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 (day of positive test is day 0), which is when they are most infectious.

Harvest

Please send harvest gifts to school on Friday, 30th September. Items such as tinned fruit, tinned vegetables, noodles, rice, instant mash potato, fruit juice (long life), sponge puddings, custard, shower gel/soap bars and any dried packet food will be gratefully received. No glass bottles or jars please.



Star Awards

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Class 1 – Tobias

Class 2 – Lenny

Class 3 – Tristan

Class 4 – Joshua

Class 5 – Mae

Class 6 – Charlotte



PTFA AGM

Our PTFA is a group of parents/carers who support the school through various fundraising initiatives. We warmly invite you to attend our annual meeting on Tuesday, 18th October at 2:15pm at school. A review of last year's activities, plans for this year's fundraising, committee membership and new ideas will be discussed over a cuppa, and we would be delighted to see you there!

If you are interested in helping in any shape or form, but can't get along to the meeting, please do contact us at stmacptfa@gmail.com.



Thank you.

Kent Fostering

Kent Fostering and Supported Homes are looking for new carers and hosts to join their outstanding fostering community in helping to care for some of Kent's most vulnerable children and young people. Please see their leaflet sent with this week's newsletter for more information.



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 26th September 2022

CLUBS START THIS WEEK!

Monday, 26th September

- Year 4 Forest School Sessions all week

Wednesday, 28th September

- Year 3&4 Kwik Cricket tournament – selected pupils

Friday, 30th September

- Harvest Festival - Years 1 to 6

Lunch menu: Week 1

Week commencing Monday, 26th September

£2.35 per day

Follow the link below to view the menu:

[Menu-September-2022.pdf](https://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/Menu-September-2022.pdf)
([wholeschoolmeals.co.uk](https://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk))

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

<https://www.parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm>

