



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 14th October 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Our wanderers return!

Class 5 children, Mr Oliver, Miss Brett, Mrs Cross/Mrs Saynor have had an amazing week away on our annual Year 5 residential trip. From climbing to archery to raft-building and sailing to axe-throwing(!) they have enjoyed many new experiences and made lasting memories of this special time together. Do have a look at the school twitter page if you are interested to see these activities in action <https://twitter.com/stmargaretscp>

Thank you to the families for supporting this trip, to the staff for their 24 hour a day care of the children and to the children themselves for their exemplary conduct throughout.

Class R visit to the church

Reception class and the Nursery joined together for a visit to St Margaret's Church this week. The Church Warden read the children a story and then they took part in some craft activities making stick puppet characters from the story. The morning was rounded off with some singing of the song 'Dingle, Dangle Scarecrow'.

Bikeability Cycle Training

Some of our Year 6 children completed their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability Cycle training this week. Well done to them all and thank you to Mr Castle for leading this important training for the children.

Parent/carer phonics & reading workshops

Mrs Hoile held her first of three phonics/reading workshops for parents on Monday. This week was for Class 2 parents with 2 more sessions next week for Class 1 & Class R parents. During the meetings Mrs Hoile will provide you with information about how we will teach your child to read using the new government endorsed scheme, 'Little Wandle, Letters and Sounds revised.' We will share the methods and resources we use at school and allow you to become familiar with the vocabulary surrounding this phonic based approach to learning to read. We look forward to seeing you at these meetings.

Reception Class 'First Class Photo'

Look out in next week's local paper for reception class photograph in the Kent Messenger 'First Class Photo' supplement.



Free School Meal Vouchers during Half Term

We have been advised by Kent County Council (KCC) today that families who have children entitled to Free School Meals will receive a £10 supermarket voucher for each child for the half term holiday. We will be issuing these to families using the Wonde system – as we have before. We have also been advised that the same families will be issued with a £50 energy voucher although KCC is not yet sure how schools are to issue these. I will let you know as soon as I do.

It is important that all families who are entitled to Free School Meals apply for them so that they do not miss out on these additional benefits. If you are not sure please speak to the school office staff.

Reception Class 2023

We are already starting to think about our next new Reception Class. Do you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019? If so, they will be eligible to start school in September 2023. We welcome families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

Reminder - PTFA AGM

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!

Star Awards

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Class 1 – Freddie

Class 2 – Oliver

Class 3 – Sophie

Class 4 – Imogen

Class 6 – Henry



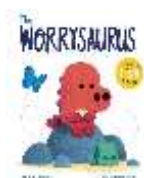


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Message from Class 1

Class 1 have settled into their new learning environment very well and they are getting used to new routines.

This week in English we have been reading *The Worrysaurus*. We have been using our phonic knowledge to write labels and have been thinking about what happens to the little dinosaur in the story.



In Maths, we are learning the symbols and mean than', 'less than' and 'equal to'. We have been practising this with comparing cubes, counters and objects.

In our Science learning this term we have been learning about humans. We have been learning the names of some of the body parts and playing games like "Simon Says" to help us remember them. This week we are learning about our 5 senses and matching body parts to these.

In Music, we have been enjoying listening to different songs and thinking about which type of music they are. Our favourite song so far is called "Hey You!"

Next week, we are really looking forward to Forest School. Please send you child in with wellies and trainers in a bag. Please make sure that anything sent into school has a name on it.

Mrs Hoile & Mrs Moloney

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.

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 17th October 2022

Monday, 17th October

- 9am Class 1 Phonics and Reading meeting for parents in the school hall

Tuesday, 18th October

- 9am Class R Phonics and Reading meeting for parents in the school hall
- Class 3 Trip – see separate letter
- 2:15pm PTFA AGM

Thursday, 20th October –

- Class 6 Trip – see separate letter
- Class 4 Trip – see separate letter

Friday, 21st October

- Last Day of Term 1

Lunch menu: Week 1

Week commencing Monday, 17th October

£2.35 per day

Follow the link below to view the menu:

[Menu-September-2022.pdf](#)
(wholeschoolmeals.co.uk)

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

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

