



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 11th November 2022

Message from the Headteacher

Working in partnership with you

It was good to see so many of our parent/carers in school this week for meetings with the teachers. This is a really important time when you can look at your child's workbooks – they are so proud to share them with you – and talk with the teacher about how your child is getting on. It is a great opportunity to talk about things like how you can help at home with reading or homework, to raise any concerns you may have and to talk about things which might be bothering or concerning you. I know how much the staff appreciate getting to know you and working together for the best of your child.

We will be making contact with anyone who was not able to come into school this week to make another appointment and look forward to seeing you then.

Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs)

At St Margaret's CP we undertake a range of assessments throughout each school year in order to better understand how the children are getting on with their learning and to help with planning to meet their needs. One of the assessments we use are CATs which the children take at the beginning of Year 4 and again at the beginning of Year 5 and then in the summer term of Year 5. These tests assess how well a pupil can think about tasks and solve problems using a range of different questions. We use the tests three times as the format is quite unfamiliar to the children so they need practice in order to get used to them. Often results are lower at the start of Year 4 and increase throughout Year 5.

Parent/Carers in Class 5 have recently received their children's results and Class 4 results will be sent to parents next week. Please don't hesitate to speak with the class teacher, Mrs Hindle or me if you would like some clarification about the results. The tests are very similar to the Kent Test which some children will take at the start of Year 6 if they would like to go to one of the grammar schools. This is another reason why we use them so that we can help parent/carers to identify areas which the children need to work on.

Remembrance

Pupils have observed the 2 minute silence individually in classes this morning for Remembrance Day.

Anti –Bullying Week

Next week is our annual Anti-Bullying Week, where we will be using the 2022 national theme of Reach Out. We will be looking at, through assemblies and lessons, ways to reach out and show each other the support we all need. In support of our anti-bullying week, we look forward to seeing all your odd-socks on Monday the 14th.

Reception Class 2023

Applications for our Reception Class 2023 open today, you can apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places

We are very pleased to offer tours of the school for prospective new families – please telephone the school office to make an appointment. Mrs Hindle has already shown a number of prospective families around and has received very positive feedback from them.

Please note that the deadline for applications is 16th January 2023. Do spread the word to people you know who may be interested in a place in our next new class.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

Star Awards

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Class 1 – Dolcee

Class 4 – Darcy

Class 2 – Christopher

Class 5 – Faith

Class 3 – William

Class 6 – Lucie

Reception Class 2023

Applications Reception Class September 2023 are now open. If you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 you can apply online for a place through the Kent County Council website:-

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places

Applications close on 16th January 2023.





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Class 5 have begun term 2 with much excitement after feeling so proud of their performance to the school sharing their Bewl Water experiences. They are now more aware of supporting each other with their class learning.

In English we are reading Malamander; 'A brilliantly plotted mystery swirling with secrets and myths'. We are using the text to help us understand how to plan and write a balanced argument. The class have thought of many fascinating ideas for their persuasive arguments. In Science we have been researching the process of ageing in humans and developing an understanding of gestation in animals. We all enjoyed sketching a self-portrait in the style of Vincent Van Gogh using a chosen colour to express our feelings. We have been busy using our knowledge of times tables to help us with our factors and multiples work. In History we have researched the fashion and inventions of the 1970s to discover what life was like when our school was first built. An exciting week indeed!

We're hoping for sunny weather for our forthcoming Forest School activities in a couple of weeks.

Mr Oliver

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.

Children In Need – 18th November 2022

Wear Your Own Spotty/Yellow Clothes

In exchange for a £1 donation, children may come to school wearing spotty/yellow clothing.

Design A T-shirt Competition

Please can all completed entries and 50p entrance fees be brought to school by your child to hand to their class teacher by Monday, 14th November 2022.

Wristbands, Pin Badges and Pens

We are also selling the Children In Need wristbands, pin badges and pens for £1 each. These will be on sale from Monday, 14th November 2022.



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 14th November 2022 Mental Health and Anti-Bullying week

Monday, 14th November

- **Anti-Bullying Alliance 'Odd Sock Day'** – children may wear odd socks to school
- **Deadline to hand in Children In Need t-shirt designs**

Tuesday, 15th November

- **Class R & St Margaret's Nursery Forest School session**

Friday, 18th November

- **Children In Need Day**- wear something spotty/yellow to school

Lunch menu: Week 3

Week commencing

Monday, 14th November 2022

£2.35 per day

[October-2022-Menu.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>

