



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 16th December 2022

Message from the Headteacher

It's Christmastime!

There has been no let-up in our school Christmas celebrations which have continued this week at school.

On Monday, we welcomed parent/carers of Reception class to join their children in a 'Christmas Stay and Play' session. The children sang some songs and everyone took part in numerous exciting Christmas activities. Lots of fun was had by all!

Wednesday was our Christmas Dinner Day. Our school cooks did a grand job catering a Christmas Lunch for us all – huge thanks to them for making this such a successful event. Our Christmas jumpers brightened up the hall and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Party Day on Thursday allowed the children and staff to come together to pit their skills and wits against each other in a variety of games and activities! Team-work, co-operation and turn-taking skills were also well practised! Father Christmas made an early visit to all children and distributed gifts courtesy of the PTFA. Thank you to you all for contributing party food for your child to enjoy.

We rounded off our celebrations with the lighting of our Christingles this morning – thank you to the PTFA for funding the resources for this.

As we break up and take down our school decorations we are all looking forward to our family Christmas celebrations as I am sure you are too. I would like to thank all children and staff for their hard work and dedication to always doing the very best they can. I would also like to thank families for their ongoing support. On behalf of all of the staff I would like to offer the very best Christmas wishes to you all.

Choir Club performances

This year our School Choir have been invited to perform at St Margaret's Village Hall on two occasions in December. Last week they sang for the Senior Citizens Lunch Club and today they performed at the Dementia Café held in the Village Hall for people living with Dementia. Well done to our Choir Club members for providing such enjoyment for the village community.

Staff News

We bid farewell to Mrs Donna Brown who is retiring today. Mrs Brown has worked in the school office for the last year and we thank her for her time with us. We all wish her a relaxing retirement.

Whole School Meals Price Increase

Just a reminder that Whole School Meals price increase comes into effect on 1st January 2023! The price for a school meal will be £2.41 per day from the start of Term 3.

Reception Class 2023

Applications for our Reception Class 2023 are now open, 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.

Return to School

The new term starts on **Wednesday 4th January 2023** – I look forward to seeing you all then and to welcoming in the new year.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher





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Message from Class R

Class R have continued to settle amazingly. During our learning journey so far, we spent the first term with a focus of 'Welcome to School', building friendships with each other and feeling confident within the school setting. In term two, we learnt all about different 'Terrific Tales', the children have loved learning about different stories and scenes, then creating their own using the characters and story structures we've learnt about.

We had a fantastic Christmas 'Stay and Play', where parents joined us for an exciting morning of Christmas activities. This included creating their own reindeer food, writing letters to Father Christmas, crafting their own Christmas cards and making tasty edible Christmas trees. Our class sang some Christmas songs to their parents and took home all their amazing goodies from the activities, including some Christmas cake scented playdough. We look forward to hosting more 'Stay and Play' events through the year!

Miss Owen

THANK YOU from the PTFA!

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this year and a special thank you to the bakers and shoppers at our recent Christmas Jumper sale. We are pleased to say that we raised over £150 and hopefully the kids enjoyed their new jumpers and cakes! A huge thank you also to this year's Santa who visited the children this week and his lovely elves who wrapped all the presents for him.

We are working closely with the school to plan even more fun events for 2023 so please join our Facebook page (Friends of St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School) to ensure you hear about our news.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas - get some well-deserved rest and family time and we look forward to your continued support next year.

Warm Christmas wishes,

The PTFA



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.

Reception Class 2023

Applications for 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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Star Awards

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Class 1 – Aarohi
Class 2 – Vinnie
Class 3 – Millie
Class 4 – Gil
Class 5 – Zara
Class 6 - Reagan



Lunch menu: Week 1

Week commencing

Wednesday, 4th January 2023

£2.41 per day – new price increase

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

To pay for your meals online, please go to:
<https://www.parentpayshop.co.uk/schools/wsm>

**Children return to
school on**

**Wednesday, 4th
January 2023**



The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 2nd January 2023

CLUBS START BACK THIS WEEK

Monday, 2nd January

- **BANK HOLIDAY** – School Closed

Tuesday, 3rd January

- **STAFF TRAINING DAY** – Children not required in school

Wednesday, 4th January

- **START OF TERM 3** – Children return to school

