



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### Message from the Headteacher

Brrr! A wet and cold week – it doesn't feel very spring like at the moment but at least we do not have snow!

#### Class 1 Family Assembly

It was lovely to see so many of you in school this morning at Class 1's Family Assembly. The theme of their assembly was 'Healthy Me' and the children thoroughly enjoyed performing to their audience. Well done Class 1.

#### Class 6 Leaver Hoodies

We are currently taking orders from our Year 6 class for their end of year hoodie. If you are a Year 6 parent please look out for the parentmail sent today.

We are pleased for the children to have these and to wear them throughout Term 6 – an important rite of passage as they leave St Margaret's CP.

#### Mid-Year Reports

Mid-Year reports have come home today. The reports are sent home prior to parent/carers teacher consultation meetings so that you have an idea about your child's progress before the meeting and can ask about and comment on the content of the report at that meeting.

#### Parent/Carer Consultations Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Have you signed up for your appointment to meet with the class teacher? We expect all parent/carers to attend this important meeting and I know how much the children appreciate their families coming into school, looking at their workbooks and speaking with their teacher. Meetings will be held in the school hall. Please note the change of Wednesday date as mentioned previously.

#### National Education Union Strike Action 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March

Please note that as it stands at the moment none of our teachers are planning to strike on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March so all classes will be open as usual. This could be subject to change – I will let you know as soon as I do if that is the case.

#### Parking

I have received a complaint about our parents parking in Portal House School – please don't. In addition there is an increase in the number of parents parking on the drive by the fence next to the pirate ship – that should not be happening either. Only drivers with blue badges should be coming on site. Thank you for your help with these matters.

Have a lovely weekend.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

### Message from Class 5

Class 5 have been very busy in our learning this week. In History we have been researching Ancient Greek family life and culture. We discovered many fascinating facts; including that Greek girls had many restrictions put upon them. Among many things, girls were not allowed to go to school and be educated. The class were so surprised by this that they decided to write emails to be sent back in time to explain how this would be extremely unfair.

In Science, we have been designing our own experiments to investigate elastic forces and how we can improve the friction of a skateboard's deck and a rock climber's shoe. Our tests explained the reasons behind many material choices we see in everyday objects.

We have enjoyed our learning this week and discovered some fascinating facts.

Mr Oliver

### Attendance

Whole School  
attendance  
06/03/23 - 10/03/23

**93.5%**

Whole School  
attendance  
05/09/22 - date

**94.6%**





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### Star Awards

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**Class 1** – Luna

**Class 2** – Grace

**Class 3** – Isabella

**Class 4** – Oliver

**Class 5** – Riley

**Class 6** – Henry & Kartikey



### Coronavirus Symptoms

On Tuesday 29 March 2022, 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 2022.

#### 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.

### Lunch menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**£2.41 per day**

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

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

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

### The Week Ahead!

#### Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023

##### Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March

- Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings from 3:30pm (by appointment)
- Pre-loved School Uniform sale and tea/coffee by the PTFA during Parent/Carer Consultation evening

##### Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March

- **Class 5 Swimming** - please remember swimming kit/towel, etc.
- **Class 3 trip** (see separate letter for details)
- **PTFA meeting 2:15pm in the Reading Room**

##### Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> March

- 3:15pm PTFA will be in the gazebo for collection of pre-ordered copies of the East Kent Mercury - Classes R, 1 & 2

##### Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March

- 3:15pm PTFA will be in the gazebo for collection of pre-ordered copies of the East Kent Mercury - Classes R, 1 & 2

##### Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March

- 3:15pm PTFA will be in the gazebo for collection of pre-ordered copies of the East Kent Mercury - Classes R, 1 & 2





Thank you to everyone who has ordered the Mothers' Day special edition local paper through the PTFA.

Collection will be available from the gazebo after school on Weds 15th, Thurs 16th and Fri 17th March.

Papers will be available to purchase if you haven't ordered.

