



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

### Message from the Headteacher

#### Classes 2 & 4 Out and About

Year 2 had a great day at Mr Castle's allotment. The sun was shining and they managed to avoid the rain! Miss Fordham reports 'Mr Castle introduced us to his allotment and gave us a talk about the lifecycle of his produce including roots, leaves and what they need to grow. The children engaged in a variety of activities including: digging up potatoes, rhubarb and leeks, planting vegetables such as tomatoes and cucumber and weeding. The children were able to plant their own sunflower seed and runner beans which they will be bringing home in the next few days. We would like to thank Mr Castle for a fantastic day!'

Year 4 were not so lucky with the weather on their trip to Canterbury Cathedral but this didn't dampen their spirits. Mrs Byatt reports 'As part of our workshop, we looked at some Anglo Saxon artefacts. We found out how monks used a pocket sundial to tell them when to pray. We also practised writing with a goose feather quill and learnt Viking runes. We coloured designs on stained glass windows and made our own Canterbury Cross. We dressed up as characters from Anglo-Saxon times and helped to retell the stories of the cathedral.'

Here are some facts that class 4 remember from their visit:

Archbishop Alphege used to be buried at St Paul's Cathedral in London, but is now buried at Canterbury Cathedral.

At the entrance to Canterbury Cathedral, there are statues of King Ethelbert, Queen Bertha and the first Archbishop of Canterbury.

The stained glass windows are up to 800 years old and showed pictures of Anglo-Saxons throwing rocks at the Vikings, Archbishop Alphege being captured by the Vikings and as well as images of past kings.

Canterbury Cathedral is made out of limestone and to lift the bricks to the top of the tower, they used a wooden winch.

I would also like to share the following comments from an email we received from the Assistant Schools Officer at Canterbury Cathedral. 'It was a real pleasure welcoming your lovely Year 4s to Canterbury Cathedral today – they were enthusiastic and curious and a delight to work with. Both guides also commented on how engaged the children were and the high quality of the questions that they asked.'

#### A busy week for Class 6

The children in year 6 have been completing their end of Key Stage 2 assessments in reading, writing and maths this week. I would like to commend them all for their hard work and endeavour and for all trying their best.

They will have a busy weekend packing their cases ahead of their residential trip next week. We wish then all well on this trip and look forward to seeing daily updates on the school facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Stmargaretsatcliffe>. Please note that Mrs Hindle will be out of school Monday – Thursday as she will be accompanying the Class 6 children and staff.

#### Local Fundraiser

We are happy to support one of our families who are fundraising for a local charity - Pegasus Playscheme. Please see more information later in this newsletter.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

**Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

### Message from Class 5

We have had a really busy start to our term in class 5. In preparation for the Coronation celebrations across the country we decided to create collages with a royal theme. Our artwork reflected these celebrations with our new King; Charles III. We also had fun designing shapes including; crowns and unicorns and plotting them onto grids. We used their co-ordinates to remind us of our maths learning. The children also learnt how to draw some wonderful 3D shapes that they were so proud of.

We are focusing our artistic creativity in history, designing vases in the style of the ancient Greeks. Our finished clay sculptures will depict special moments of Greek life frozen in time. We have also had an exciting time in our Forest School where we enjoyed creating new habitats for insects by spreading a variety of seeds across our Wildflower Meadow.

**Mr Oliver**





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### Star Awards

w/e 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Class 1 - Harrison  
Class 2 – All of Class 2  
Class 3 – Logan  
Class 4 – All of Class 4  
Class 5 – Reuben H  
Class 6 – All of Class 6



### Attendance

Whole School attendance  
05/09/22 - date

**94.7%**

Whole School attendance  
08/05/23 - 12/05/23

**95.7%**

### Year 3 Enterprise Week

Next week, the children in year 3 will be busy becoming entrepreneurs! The children will be creating and designing activities themed around fayre games. The activities will be Guess the Teddy Bears Name, Lucky Dip and a Tombola style raffle. Children across the school will have the chance to visit the 'Mini Fayre' during the school day on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023**. Each game will be no more than £1 to participate and every child who takes part will come away with a prize. All children can participate at least three times – we suggest they might like to bring £3 or £4 to spend.

The purpose of Enterprise Week is to teach the children about creating a business as well as how to manage their budget and profit. Of the monies raised, half will be donated to a charity of the children's choice - World Animal Protection - while the other half will be spent on a treat for the class.

If your child wishes to bring in some money to spend on Friday, please ensure it is in a named purse or wallet. The children will be making enough items so that there is enough for each child should they wish to take part.

Thank you  
Mrs Fairhurst

### The Week Ahead!

#### Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May**

- Year 6 leave for residential trip – children to arrive at school at 5:45am

**Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**

- Class 3 trip – deadline to respond to parentmail form

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May**

- **School Census Day** – Children in Classes R, 1 & 2 please register for cooked school dinner
- **Reception Class Picnic & Bake Off** – deadline to respond to parentmail form

- Year 6 return from residential trip at approximately 6:10pm

**Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> May**

- **Class 3 Enterprise Week 'Mini Fayre'** – all children may participate at least 3 times and we suggest they might like to bring £3 or £4 to spend

### Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023

£2.41 per day

[April-2023.pdf](#)  
([wholeschoolmeals.co.uk](http://wholeschoolmeals.co.uk))

To pay for your meals online,  
please go to:

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



### Message from Mr Clark

Scarlet and I both started volunteering at the age of 14yrs at Pegasus. It is a wonderful summer scheme supporting children and young adults with a broad range of disabilities and neuro diverse conditions. The memories they make during their three weeks at Pegasus last a lifetime. Not only do the children that we support 1-1 make memories, but a huge band of teenagers such as ourselves take those skills learnt through our adult lives, trying our best to ensure our community is more inclusive, and understanding. Since 1986, we have supported literally thousands of families in the Dover/Deal areas and surrounding villages. During the month of May It is our intention to attempt to climb Snowdon. Please support our first ever climb with our children aged only 7yrs and 9yrs. The Training has already begun! Even the dogs did 17,000 steps yesterday. We will do this, and with your help we will raise some serious funding for Pegasus. Thank you for your support.



Snowdon.....here we come  
[wonderful.org](https://wonderful.org)

