



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Message from the Headteacher

It has been another super week in school with lots going on in all classes.

#### Open Afternoon

Thank you to families who were able to join us for our Open Afternoon on Wednesday. All classrooms were buzzing with conversation as children proudly showed their work to their grown-ups and I know the teaching staff were very pleased to be able to chat with parent/carers.

#### School Photographs

As you will know the photographer visited on Tuesday - your child will have brought home a ticket enabling you to place an order online for these.

#### Special Educational Needs

In other news, teaching staff have spent time with Mrs Kirsty Lavender, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo), reviewing SEND Plans recently and are now in the process of making contact with parent/carers to share and discuss targets. Plans will be sent home during the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> September.

If you ever have any concern about your child having a special educational need please speak to the class teacher or Mrs Lavender.

#### Year 6 House Captains

The votes have been counted and verified and, following a strict democratic process involving speeches and independent voting, I am pleased to announce the following Team House Captains: Pines - Anastasia & Tommy, Bay - Mae & Arthur, Cliffe - Faith & Reuben and Lighthouse - Liza & Riley.



#### Tennis Tournament

We took a team of Year 3 and 4 children to the Dover District Tennis tournament on Thursday.

Mr Castle reports: 'the team played some fantastic tennis and showed great teamwork finishing the tournament in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.' Well done Laila, Dudley, Holly W, Jasper, Mya and William M.



#### Reception Class 2024

As this new school year begins we are already working to connect with the children and families who will be joining our next Reception Class in September 2024. Do you have a child born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2024. We invite 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.

#### School Attendance and Punctuality

The single most important way that you can help your child to do as well as possible at school is to make sure they attend every day and on time. Being absent from school should be rare and ONLY because your child is unwell. I thank you all for your continued support with this important matter.



#### Green Fingers Needed

Do you have the time and motivation needed to help with some of the gardening on our school site? Our quad area which is overlooked from our Key Stage 2 corridors is proving to be a great challenge for us to keep on top of. We would really appreciate some volunteers who are able to tidy it up and then plant and help to care for the beds. This could be during lunchtime, lesson time or another time to suit. Children can be involved – or not – depending on your preference!

If you – or someone you know (grandparents?!) are able to help us do please make contact with the school office.

#### Long Hair

A polite reminder that for safety and hygiene reasons (head lice) hair which is past shoulder length should be tied back when at school – girls and boys please.

I wish you all a good weekend.

Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher





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### Message from Class 5

Class 5 have settled in to their new term's learning really well. The children are all excited to be back together after the summer holidays and able to share experiences with their friends.

We are discovering some amazing facts about our solar system in Science. The children have been using their powers of enquiry to research individual planets and compile some detailed information about these strange worlds. We have begun studying the famous poem; 'The Highwayman' to discover the amazing descriptive language used to create atmosphere. It is a fascinating tale of deceit and intrigue. The poet, Alfred Noyes, uses clever figurative language; alliteration, metaphors, similes, imagery and onomatopoeia. In Mathematics we have been revisiting our understanding of place value with larger numbers. We are developing our knowledge of Roman Numerals even further this term.

An exciting and busy start to our new school year!  
**Mr Oliver**

### Oh yes we will or oh no we won't?!!

Many thanks to those Key Stage 2 families who have completed the Parentmail permission slip and sent in monies for the Pantomime trip.

We need to know about those who have not yet replied in order to make a decision about whether this trip can go ahead so if you have not yet completed the form, please do so early next week and definitely **by Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September**.

As stated before, **we cannot extend the deadline** as we have to return unsold tickets to the Marlowe Theatre. Your help with this is much appreciated.



### Birthdays



Happy Birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in September.

Sofia	Year 2
Jack	Year 5
Eloise	Year 2
Maisey	Year 2
Stanley	Year 1
Noah	Year 5
Violet	Year 5
Ella	Year 1
Alice	Year 5
Tristan	Year 4
Julius	Year R

### Star Awards

w/e 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Class R – Judith  
Class 1 – Blake  
Class 2 – Eden  
Class 3 – Nicholas  
Class 4 – Theo  
Class 5 – Madeleine  
Class 6 – Veronika



### Attendance

Whole School attendance

11/09/23 - 15/09/23  
96.6%

Whole School attendance

05/09/23 - date  
96.2%

### The Week Ahead!

#### Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**NO CLUBS**

Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September

- Class 5 Forest School Sessions this week – please see letter for details

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September

- Marlowe Pantomime Trip deadline **NO EXTENSION CAN BE GIVEN TO THIS DEADLINE.**

### Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

£2.41 per day

[September-2023.pdf](https://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk/September-2023.pdf)  
([wholeschoolmeals.co.uk](https://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk))

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