



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

### Message from the Headteacher

#### Class 6 Lantern Making

Class 6 children and staff hosted a visit from the artists associated with Dover's Winter Light Up this week. All children made lanterns using willow and paper; this was a day-long project. The Class 6 children and families have been invited to join the procession of lanterns on Saturday 2nd December which sets off at 5pm from Pencester Gardens, Dover.



#### Governors

We were pleased to invite our governors into school today to explore our Feedback Policy. They met with me and Mrs Hindle to discuss our policy and then spent time in classes seeing it in action. Mrs Hindle will write to parent/carers ahead of our forthcoming teacher consultation meeting to outline our approach to supporting children's progress through our feedback procedures.

#### Love in a Box

31 boxes have been donated from our school to the 'Love In A Box' appeal. Thank you to all families who have once again supported this Christmas-time charity.



#### Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is our annual Anti-Bullying & Mental Health Week, where we will be using the 2023 national theme of 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. Mr Oliver will lead an assembly on the topic and lessons in class will explore positive messages about anti-bullying/mental health and ways in which we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying. We look forward to seeing all your odd-socks on Monday the 13th.



#### Christmas Tree

This year we are looking to replace our school Christmas Tree and in the spirit of recycling we wondered if any of our families have a Christmas Tree (6ft if possible) that they no longer require and that we could re-home for you. Please make contact with the school office if you are able to help.

#### Reception Class 2024

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st 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.

Have a lovely weekend!

Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher





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### Message from Class 5

Class 5 are feeling so proud of themselves after their performance last week where they shared their Bewl Water Residential experiences with the school during our family assembly. Building upon their shared experiences at Bewl Water they have adopted an increased awareness 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 begun researching the process of ageing in humans and developing an understanding of gestation in animals. In our art lessons we are planning our own artwork inspired by the Mythological Icarus and Daedalus who built feathered wings to escape King Minos. In maths we have been quizzing ourselves with tables knowledge which has helped when focusing on multiples and factors.

We're hoping for sunny weather for our forthcoming Forest School activities

Mr Oliver

### Reception Class 2024

Applications open today for Reception Class September 2024. If you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places)

Applications close on **15th January**

### Whole School Attendance

06/11/23 - 10/11/23

**97.5%**

05/09/23 - date

**96.2%**

### Star Awards



w/e 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Class R – Kaleb & Beatrix

Class 1 – Thea & Dexter

Class 2 – Ivy & Rafael

Class 3 – Jonathan & Christopher

Class 4 – Rosa & All of Class 4

Class 5 – Violet & Lydia

Class 6 – Faith & Riley

### The Week Ahead!

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

Mental Health and Anti-Bullying week

Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November

- Anti-Bullying Alliance 'Odd Sock Day' – children may wear odd socks to school

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November

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

### Children In Need Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> November

#### Wear Your Own Spotty/Yellow Clothes

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

#### Wristbands and Pens

We are also selling the Children In Need wristbands and pens for £1 each. These will be on sale from Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023.



### Lunch Menu: Week 3

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

**£2.41 per day**

[October-23.pdf](http://October-23.pdf)  
([wholeschoolmeals.co.uk](http://wholeschoolmeals.co.uk))

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

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

