



Message from the Headteacher

Anti-Bullying Week

This week we have been observing the national anti-bullying week and it was great to see so many 'odd socks' on Monday to celebrate everyone being unique.

Mr Oliver started the week with an assembly based on this year's theme of 'Make A Noise About Bullying'. During the week EYFS, Classes 1 and 2 read stories such as 'Kindness is my Superpower' and talked about what makes a good friend. With these ideas they have been creating recipes that would make a kind friend.

Class 3 have been reading a number of exciting books that deal with the issues surrounding friendship; 'Something Else', 'Tyrannosaurus Drip' and 'The Day I Met a Monster'. They discussed the hidden message within these books and what they could teach us about being kind to our friends. Class 4 have created word searches and discussed 'Making a Noise about Bullying' emphasising the importance of telling someone if they feel unhappy about how their friends are treating them.

After discussing how important it is to tell someone when they feel unhappy about unkind words from another child in school, Class 5 created posters to help us all distinguish between when our friends are using 'just banter and when in fact it is bullying'. Class 6 had discussions around this year's anti-bullying theme and have all become 'Secret Angels' for the week. They spent the week secretly being ultra-caring and kind to their partner. At the end of the week the children had to guess who they thought was their 'Secret Angel'.



Children in Need

We have had a super day all dressed up in our yellow/spotty clothing in support of the BBC Children in Need appeal. I am pleased to say we raised a grand total of **£356**. The children and staff had a great time taking part in the 'Bearpees Challenge' and overall they completed just over 11000 Bearpees! Well done and thank you to everyone for supporting this fund raising charity event, and a particular well done to the children and staff in Pines who led the event this year.

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

We are all really looking forward to seeing you at the parent/carers teacher meetings next week. Please come to the main reception entrance as meetings will be held in the hall. Your child's workbooks will be available for you to look at and you will each have a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher. Mrs Hindle and I will also be present so do take the opportunity to speak to us too if you wish.

If you have children with you they should sit with you whilst you are waiting for your appointment and either join you at the teacher's table or continue to sit quietly on the waiting chairs; thank you for your support with this.

Our suggestion box will also be out for you to use if you have anything you would like us to consider; we look forward to your ideas!

Christmas Events

Hopefully you will all have seen the Christmas letter which came out this week which explains the arrangements for our Reception Class Stay and Play, Key Stage 1 Nativity, Key Stage 2 Carol Concerts and Christmas Dinner. Please respond to the parentmail form by the deadline of 24th November if your child would like a Christmas Dinner and we look forward to seeing you at our forthcoming school Christmas events.

Thank you to Mrs Morley, one of our school cleaners, for donating us her Christmas Tree.

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





Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 17th November 2023

Message from Class 4

As part of Anti-bullying Week, we have been wearing our odd socks. We read a story that raised the issue of being different and how we can accept everyone for who they are.

In our PSHE lesson we focused on who we can tell if we are being bullied or someone we know is being bullied.

This term class 4 have been finding out how to add and subtract 4-digit numbers. We have recapped our understanding of place value and used this to help us exchange from our tens, hundreds or even thousands. We like to make sure we use these words when explaining our method so that we are reinforcing the process of addition or subtraction.

In our English we have begun reading our class text 'Romans on the Rampage'. We have found out about the characters, setting and have made predictions as to what we think might happen in the story. This week we have looked at inverted commas, identifying the part of speech and made a comic strip to show what has been said.

Coming up ... Forest School – watch out for a reminder for wellies and a change of clothes.

Thank you for your continued support with home learning and times tables.

Mrs Byatt



Christmas Events

The response deadline is **Friday, 24th November**. You must respond to the online form if you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner. Responses are also required for 'Stay and Play' for Class R and extra ticket requests for the KS1 Christmas Play.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Children In Need fundraising event.

We raised **£356!**



Whole School Attendance

13/11/23 - 17/11/23
95.9%

05/09/23 - date
96.2%

Star Awards



w/e 17th November 2023

Class R – Iris
Class 1 – Isla
Class 2 – Sophia
Class 3 – Emily A
Class 4 – Holly W
Class 5 – Rory & William
Class 6 – All of Class 6

Reception Class 2024

Applications are now open 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

Applications close on **15th January 2024**.

Lunch Menu: Week 1

w/c Monday, 20th November 2023

£2.41 per day

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

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

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





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The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 20th November 2023

Monday, 20th November

- Class 5 Forest School sessions all week
- 3:30pm to 6:00pm Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings (by appointment)

Wednesday, 22nd November

- 3:30pm to 6:00pm Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings (by appointment)

Thursday, 23rd November

- National Child Measurement Programme for Classes R and 6

Friday, 24th November

- Deadline for response for all Christmas events (see separate forms on parentmail)

St Margaret's Village Christmas Lights

We are pleased to advertise on behalf of St Margaret's Parish Council their Christmas Lights Switch On and Family Disco. Please see posters below for more information.



Christmas Light Switch On
2nd December 2023
5.30pm for 6pm Switch-On
St Margaret's Village Hall, CT15 6AP

Complimentary Food and Drink served after 6pm
Prepared by Chef-de-Mumbai, FirstLight, The Coastguard and Village Shop

Join us for a festive village evening with Local Performers, Carols, Village Community Atmosphere, Charity Raffle, Gifts and Santa.

Prequel: Family Disco 4.45pm to 5.45pm with DJ Kentastic

All proceeds from raffle go to Dover Outreach Centre and Ami Modi's Shree Sava Foundation.

Supported by Local Village Businesses, including Marshall & Clarke, Post Office Team, Sheilagh Vines Accountant, The Smugglers & Village Hall



Christmas Light Switch On
Family Disco
Hosted by: DJ Kentastic
2nd December 2023
4.45pm till 5.45pm
St Margaret's Village Hall, CT15 6AP

FREE village Boogie before the Light Switch On at 6pm:
Complimentary Food, Local Performers, Carols, Santa and Village Community Atmosphere

All Children to be accompanied by a Responsible Adult

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