



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

### Message from the Headteacher

Another busy week with much to enrich our learning at school, in our local area and with a national event.

#### Class 3 Exploring the Village

On Thursday, Class 3 carried out some geography fieldwork exploring the village as part of their local studies this term. In particular, they looked out for clues about how different buildings were once used i.e. names of buildings, windows that had been filled in with concrete, engravings in stones and even wooden cellar doors leading down to where a pub once kept its drinks. Mr Ayers and the children discussed continuity and change over time and discovered plenty of examples of both. The children also spotted quite a few dates on buildings, the oldest of which was 1737.

#### Class 4 trip to the Bay

On Wednesday, Class 4 walked to St Margaret's Bay as part of their art lesson. Whilst at the bay they looked at the sea views and sketched the landscape, including the cliffs, wave breakers and beach. The children will use these sketches and photographs taken to inspire them to paint a picture in the style of Van Gogh's 'Starry Night'.

#### NSPCC Number Day

We had a number-tastic time in school today! Thank you to everyone who was able to make a donation and for the marvellous themed outfits. Miss Moloney, Cliffe House Leader, reports on the activities the children have taken part in. 'In Class R they were making pictograms when voting for their favourite films and guessing the number of sweets in the jar. Classes 1 and 2 enjoyed a carousel of activities involving counting and scoring such as bowling, bouncing a ball on a spot, using dice to add up and do star jumps and throwing bean bags at targets.

Class 3 have been making and creating, they have been colouring by numbers, making 3D shapes and using shapes to make tessellations.

Class 4 have been playing number games including the game '21'. They learned how to turn numbers into pictures by following along with a drawing tutorial. They also practised counting in French.

In Class 5, they all looked at the number on their tops and had the challenge of adding them all up!

Class 6 were very busy scoring their netball, target throwing with beanbags, number challenges with the hopscotch and using the maths circle in the playground to complete maths challenges. In addition, they added up all the money they made for enterprise week!

What a busy and fun day for all!

#### Class 6 Enterprise Week

Mae from Year 6 reports, 'As our Year 6 enterprise week came, Year 6 made things to sell for Valentine's Day. We made love bugs, bookmarks, lollypop roses, sweets, wooden hearts and cards. Half of the money raised will be donated to 'Young Lives vs Cancer' (charity).'

#### Open Afternoon Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

On Wednesday next week we would like to welcome all parent/carers to school for our Open Afternoon from 3:15pm. Once you have collected your child from the classroom door at home-time please re-enter the school via the main school reception. I hope you will enjoy looking at your child's workbooks and having the chance for an informal chat with the class teacher.

#### Pancake Day

Mr Oliver will be leading us all on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February with his annual pancake extravaganza! Pancakes will be served to all classes during the day followed by team pancake races in the afternoon! I am sure it will all be 'flipping great'!

#### 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.

Happy weekend everyone.

Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher





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### Message from Class 2

Class 2 have enjoyed learning multiplication over the past few weeks in maths. They have grasped the concept very well and are feeling very grown up with this new knowledge! They are looking forward to learning more about division over the coming weeks.

In English, Class 2 have stepped into the role of Roald Dahl and have been writing a description of Grandma when she drinks the Marvellous Medicine. The children have enjoyed this creative writing and have used fantastic vocabulary and a full range of punctuation to make their work exciting to read.

Over the past few terms, the children have designed and made their own waistcoat for a teddy bear as part of a DT project. This week the children have evaluated their work and have taken home their waistcoat. See some pictures of the children's hard work - they all looked amazing!



Miss Fordham

### Year 5 Enterprise Week

Next week, the children in year 5 will be busy becoming entrepreneurs! The children will be working to design and create friendship bracelets and bookmarks. They will be selling their gifts to children across the school during break times on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. The bracelets and bookmarks will range in price from between 50p to £1.50.

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 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.

Thank you  
Mr Oliver

### Whole School Attendance

29/01/24 - 02/02/24

**94.4%**

05/09/23 – date

**95.4%**



### Star Awards

w/e 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Due to a Number Day assembly Star Awards will be given out next week and names will appear in next week's newsletter.



### NSPCC Number Day

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated monies for our Pines House charity event in aid of NSPCC Number Day. The total raised today was

**£202**

Well done to Madeleine from Year 5 who guessed how many sweets were in the jar.



### Year 6 Enterprise

A big thank you from Year 6 who raised

**£200**

at their Enterprise Event today. Half of the money raised will go to their chosen charity, 'Young Lives vs Cancer', and the other half will be used for the benefit of the children in Year 6.





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### The Week Ahead!

#### Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

##### Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February

- Class 6 Forest School sessions all week
- Year 5 Enterprise Week
- Deadline to respond to Classes 1 & 2 trip

##### Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February

- Safer Internet Day
- Class 6 Swimming - please remember swimming kit/towel, etc.
- Deadline to return Before & After School Childcare booking forms for Term 4

##### Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February

- Open Afternoon at 3:15pm – come and see your child's workbooks and have an informal chat with the teacher

##### Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> February

- Class 6 trip – see separate letter for details

##### Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February

- Last Day of Term 3

### Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

£2.45 per day

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([wholeschoolmeals.co.uk](https://wholeschoolmeals.co.uk))

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

### Number Day Photographs

