



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 13th September 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents and carers

As we settle into the rhythm of the new academic year, I'm delighted to share some of the exciting happenings and achievements from our school. The past two weeks have been a whirlwind of activity, and I'm thrilled to see our pupils embracing the challenges and opportunities that come their way.

Some of our Year 6 pupils recently took on the Kent Test, demonstrating their resilience and determination. It's always a significant milestone in their educational journey, and I'm incredibly proud of how they approached this challenge. Their focus and composure were admirable, and regardless of the outcomes, each pupil should feel a sense of accomplishment for their efforts. Well done to them.

The 'Meet the Teacher' evening was a resounding success from what I have heard and I want to express my heartfelt thanks to all the parents and carers who attended. Your engagement and support are invaluable to us, and these evenings provide a fantastic opportunity to strengthen the vital partnership between home and school. The conversations and connections made during these events play a crucial role in ensuring the best possible educational experience for our pupils.

Last week's first Celebration Assembly was a special moment for me - it was wonderful to see so many pupils sharing their successes and achievements with our school community. The pride on their faces as they received recognition for their hard work was lovely to see. I'd like to extend a big thank you to all the parents who attended – it was great to see you.

In our ongoing efforts to enhance communication and share the learning journey with our families, I'm excited to announce the introduction of Class Dojo. This platform will provide you with a window into your child's school day, allowing you to see and celebrate their learning and achievements in near real-time. We believe this will further strengthen the connection between home and school, and we look forward to your engagement with this new tool. We're just finalising the details to ensure it is safe and ready to go and I look forward to writing to you soon with full details and having this phenomenal resource up and running.

Lastly, I have a special request for our school community. We are currently on the lookout for volunteer readers, with a particular need in Rabbits class. If you have some spare time and would like to make a significant difference in a child's educational journey, we would be incredibly grateful for your support. If you do have the time available, please pop into the school office and we can complete the safeguarding checks.

I'm filled with pride and optimism when I reflect on our school community and our journey together so far. Your continued support and involvement make St. Margaret's-at-Cliffe Primary School a truly special place. Thank you for your partnership and I hope everyone has a lovely weekend – I look forward to seeing many of you at tonight's PTFA quiz.

Craig Ward – Interim Headteacher

Whole School Attendance

09/09/24 - 13/09/24

98.1%

2024/2025 academic year to date

98.5%

Star Awards

w/e 13th September 2024

Hedgehogs – Oscar

Rabbits – Quinn

Squirrels – Harry

Badgers – Madison

Woodpeckers – Oliver

Owls – Owls Class



PTFA School Uniform

Our PTFA has a stock of second hand school uniform available.

If you require some good quality, low cost items please contact them through their email stmacptfa@gmail.com and they will arrange for the uniform to be left at the school office for you to collect.

If you have any items you are willing to donate to their stock please also contact them via email or bring these into the school office.



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'Celebration Assembly'

We are pleased to invite parent/carers to attend our Celebration Assembly.

Date: Friday, 20th September

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

Reception Class 2025

We are already starting to think about our next new Reception Class. Do you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021? If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2025.

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.



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 – Freddie & Imogen
Cliffe – Aaron & Myla
Bay – Kieran & Madeleine
Lighthouse – Gil & Violet



Pantomime Trip – Beauty & The Beast

Families of children in Squirrels, Badgers, Woodpeckers & Owls classes will have received a Parentmail regarding our Christmas pantomime trip. The deadline for returning slip and monies is **Friday, 20th September**. As the letter explains, we have to send back to the Marlowe any unused tickets by this date so the deadline cannot be extended; please support us and your child by responding in good time.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

The club offer letter has been sent out today via Parentmail. You will need to submit your requests via the Parentmail 'Forms' system. The deadline is next Thursday, 19th September. Notification of places allocated will be sent out the following week. Thank you to staff and volunteers who help to ensure we have this provision.

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 16th September 2024

NO CLUBS

Monday, 16th September

- Owls Class Forest School Sessions this week

Friday, 20th September

- Marlowe Pantomime Trip deadline **NO EXTENSION CAN BE GIVEN TO THIS DEADLINE.**
- 'Celebration Assembly' – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 16th September 2024

£2.45 per day

[Menu-September-October.pdf](#)
(wholeschoolmeals.co.uk)

To pay for your meals online,
please go to:

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