



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 15th November 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Our school was awash with spots this morning as we enthusiastically participated in Children in Need. It was heartening to see so many of our pupils and staff embracing the spirit of the day, their dotted attire a visual reminder of our commitment to supporting children across the country. The creativity and enthusiasm on display were truly impressive, and I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who took part – it was also great to see so many adults joining in as well. Your efforts not only brought smiles to faces but also contributed to an incredibly worthy cause.

On a more solemn note, we observed a whole-school two-minute silence on Monday for Remembrance Day. The respectful hush that fell over our school was a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by so many. I was immensely proud of how our pupils conducted themselves during this time of reflection, demonstrating a maturity and understanding beyond their years.

Now, onto some exciting news that has continued to create quite a buzz around the school - ClassDojo! I'm absolutely delighted to report that we've had a fantastic uptake, with lots of parents signing up to this brilliant platform. It's been wonderful to see so many examples of work and events being shared. The enthusiasm from our pupils has been palpable - they're loving the opportunity to showcase their achievements and connect with their learning in this new way.

For those who haven't yet joined, I wholeheartedly encourage you to do so. ClassDojo is proving to be an invaluable tool for strengthening the home-school connection, allowing us to share the magic moments of learning and growth that happen every day. It's not just about academic achievements; it's about capturing the essence of our vibrant school community and sharing it with you – and please remember, you don't need to pay for any of the features we use in the app – I appreciate it keeps asking you, but please do ignore the requests.

I hope everyone has a happy, healthy and safe weekend and I look forward to seeing all those smiling faces on Monday morning.

Craig Ward – Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 22nd November

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.

PTFA Pre-Loved School Uniform Shop

Do your children outgrow or lose their uniform faster than you can say 'school run'?

PTFA to the rescue!



You will be pleased to hear that the PTFA's Pre-Loved Uniform Shop is up and running. All items are in as new condition, and are FREE of charge (although we will of course accept your money if you'd like to offer a donation!). The uniforms are washed and ready for collection - it's like a hand-me-down, but fancier!

Please feel free to call us on 07904 123 554, or email us on stmacptfa@gmail.com to arrange collection.

Christmas Events



The response deadline is **Friday, 22nd November**. You must respond to the online form if you would like your child to have a Christmas Dinner. Responses are also required for extra ticket requests for the Nativity Play.

Children In Need

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

We raised **£150!**





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Star Awards



w/e 8th & 15th November 2024

Hedgehogs – Leon & Joel

Rabbits – Arte & Blake

Squirrels – Alfie & All of Squirrels Class

Badgers – Adelaide & Albie

Woodpeckers – All of Woodpeckers Class & Rosa

Owls – Violet & All of Owls Class

Reception Class 2025

Applications are now open for Reception Class September 2025. If you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 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 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.



Whole School Attendance

11/11/24 - 15/11/24

94.4%

2024/2025 academic year to date

96.4%

St Margaret's Village Christmas Lights

We are pleased to advertise on behalf of St Margaret's Parish Council their Christmas Lights Switch On. Please see their poster in the Community Noticeboard section of this newsletter. For more information and further updates, please follow this link

<https://www.stmargaretspc.co.uk/christmas-light-switch-on-save-the-date/>

Forest School Sessions

w/c Monday, 18th November 2024

Badgers Class

Things to remember:

- Wellington boots/old trainers
- Water resistant/water proof
- Trousers/tights

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 18th November 2024

Monday, 18th November

- Badgers Class Forest School sessions all week
- 3:30pm to 6:00pm Re-scheduled Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings for Squirrels and Hedgehogs classes (by appointment)

Thursday, 21st November

- 3:30pm to 6:00pm Re-scheduled Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings for Squirrels Class (by appointment)

Friday, 22nd November

- Deadline for response for all Christmas events (see separate forms on parentmail)
- 'Celebration Assembly' – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

New Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 18th November 2024

£2.50 per day

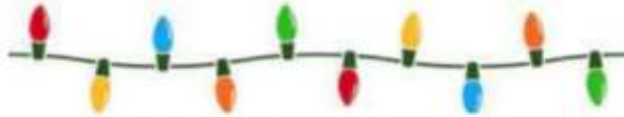
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To pay for your meals online, please go to:

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



Community Noticeboard



'Christmas Light Switch On!'

- Join us at
The Village Hall, Reach Road on
Saturday, 30th November 2024
- 4:30pm Free Family Disco (all children to be accompanied by an adult)
 - 5:30pm Christmas Carols with the Village Choir
 - 6:00pm Santa arrives and the Lights are switched on
 - 6:15pm Entertainment continues in the Hall
 - 7:00pm Raffle is drawn

Come along to enjoy Complimentary Food & Mulled Wine and soak up our wonderful village atmosphere with all the entertainment from local performers!

Supported by
Local Village Businesses & St Margaret's at Cliffe Parish Council

All proceeds from the Raffle and Donation Buckets on the night to be split equally between Ami Modi's Shree Seva Foundation and Dover Outreach Centre
(Don't forget to bring some change for the Donation Buckets!)

Amazing Raffle Prizes
including:
Cash Prizes of £150, £100 & £50, food and leisure vouchers and many more!



Make sure you have a chance of winning!
Buy your tickets from The Village Store, your Parish Councillors or on the night!



Book today via
Eventbrite website or
at Deal Library

Kip's Road Safety Detectives
Free Activity!

Monday 18 November 4pm – 5pm
Deal Library

With Brake's Road Safety Week running from 17-23 November, Kent County Council's Safer Road User Team are running a free road safety activity! Children will become Road Safety Detectives and help Kip the Bear solve his cases!

Suitable for children aged 4 – 7 years old. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Booking essential. For further information and bookings, please scan the QR code above, email deallibrary@kent.gov.uk or telephone 03000 41 31 31

Alternatively speak to a member of staff at Deal Library.



GOALKEEPER WANTED

U7's TEAM (Yr 2)

GOALKEEPER WANTED FOR DTR's U7's FOOTBALL TEAM!

GET IN TOUCH WITH US IF INTERESTED!

Email – DealtownrangersU7s@outlook.com





Community Noticeboard

The Edward Showler Foundation

Message from Tom Showler

5th November 2024 marked the end of my challenge. I hit the 3,000km mark just over two weeks ago and after a short rest period, I finish on a total of 3,153km cycled over the 3 month period. A massive thank you goes out to each and every one of you for your kind and generous donations. Your messages of support kept me motivated along the way on what proved a far bigger challenge than I ever anticipated. Together we have raised £3,888 in donations & gift aid. Again, huge thanks to each & every one of you.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/3kin3month#supportersList>



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Open to Current Years 2, 3 & 4 boys

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Sign up: cccs.org.uk/beachorister

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