



Message from the Headteacher

As we approach the festive season, I'm delighted to share some of the exciting happenings (or already happened) in school. The buzz of activity and learning continues unabated, and it's wonderful to see our pupils thriving in various experiences.

This week, our Squirrels, Badgers, Woodpeckers, and Owls embarked on a magical journey to the pantomime to see 'Beauty and the Beast'. The trip was a roaring success, filled with laughter, music, and the kind of theatrical magic that only a pantomime can provide. It's always a joy to see our pupils' eyes light up with wonder and excitement during these outings. As always, the children were impeccable – well done and thank you to them all. Also a thank you to everyone that supported us on the day to make the trip a success – we couldn't do trips like this without the fantastic volunteers that come along and join in.

In our ongoing commitment to pupil safety and wellbeing, we welcomed some special visitors to our school. Kent Police paid a visit to our Woodpeckers and Owls classes, engaging in important discussions about internet safety and bullying. These conversations are crucial in equipping our pupils with the knowledge and skills to navigate the digital world safely and to foster a kind, inclusive school environment. It was great to see a good number of parents also attend the parent workshop at the end of the day.

I'm absolutely thrilled to announce that almost our entire school community is now signed up to ClassDojo! This is a fantastic achievement, and I want to express my thanks to all of you who have embraced this platform. It's been wonderful to see the increased engagement and the joy of shared learning experiences. We're committed to continually refining and developing what we share, ensuring that ClassDojo remains a valuable window into your child's school life.

Looking ahead, we're all eagerly anticipating next week's KS2 carol concerts on Monday and Tuesday. These events are always a highlight of our school calendar, showcasing the musical talents of our pupils and ushering in the festive spirit. I'm sure you're as excited as I am to hear the beautiful melodies and see the hard work of our pupils come to fruition. Just in preparation for parents and relatives joining us – we will all be joining in with Silent Night, so get those voices prepared!

Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement with our school community. I know I keep saying, however it is incredibly important to me, it's this partnership between home and school that enables us to provide the best possible education and experiences for our pupils.

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful run-up to Christmas – when we come back next week it will be December with two advent windows opened up already!

Craig Ward – Headteacher

'Celebration Assembly'

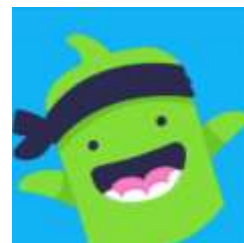
We are pleased to invite parent/carers to attend our Celebration Assembly.

Date: Friday, 6th December

Time: 2:45pm

Where: School Hall

We look forward to seeing you there.



Just to remind everyone that parents **do not** need to pay for the ClassDojo app - all the school based parts that we use are free for everyone. We appreciate the app does keep asking you for a subscription when you set it up and make out you need to pay, but you don't - there is a little 'X' at the top of the payment screen that can be hard to see, but it is there. **Please don't pay for it.**



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 29th November 2024

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.

Star Awards

w/e 29th November 2024

Hedgehogs – Ivy & Max

Rabbits – Iris

Squirrels – Dolcee

Badgers – Christopher

Woodpeckers – William

Owls – Isla-Rose & Lottie



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.

Countdown to Christmas!

2nd December

- Christmas Post Box open for business
- Carol concert for families of Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 at 2pm

3rd December

- Carol concert for families of Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 at 2pm

4th December

- Deadline for Nativity costumes to be brought into school

9th – 13th December

- Last week of extra-curricular clubs this week

11th December

- Nativity Play for families of Years R, 1 & 2 at 2:30pm

12th December

- Nativity Play for families of Years R, 1 & 2 at 2:30pm

13th December

- Hedgehogs & Rabbits trip

18th December

- Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

19th December

- Party day

20th December

- Last day of term – school finishes at 3:15pm
- No 'Celebration Assembly' today



Birthdays



Happy birthday to the following children who celebrate their birthday in December.

Rosa	Woodpeckers
Anthony	Squirrels
Georgina	Badgers
Jack	Woodpeckers
Aaron	Owls
George	Hedgehogs
Ashleigh	Hedgehogs
Quinn	Rabbits
Aradhaya	Badgers
Daniel	Squirrels
Demyd	Hedgehogs
Isabelle	Badgers
Oscar	Hedgehogs
Christopher	Badgers
Judith	Hedgehogs
Finley	Rabbits
Lilia	Woodpeckers



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Christmas Post

Christmas post box opens on Monday, 2nd December!

Please ensure all envelopes have name and class written clearly.



Reminder – NO NUTS

Please remember we are a nut free school and we would ask that you do not include nuts or nut products in snacks or packed lunches e.g. peanut butter sandwiches, Bueno snacks



Whole School Attendance

25/11/24 - 29/11/24

97.8%

2024/2025 academic year to date

96.5%



Lunch Menu: Week 2

w/c Monday, 2nd December 2024

£2.50 per day

[Menu-Nov-2024-Mar-2025.pdf](#)

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

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

Family Learning Courses

[Kent Adult Education](#) offers free online courses for parents on topics such as managing behaviour, understanding teenagers, supporting ADHD at home, and autism awareness. Each course consists of two-hour sessions over three to four-weeks. These are excellent resources to guide parents needing additional support.

[Family Learning courses](#)

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 2nd December 2024

Monday, 2nd December

- Christmas Post Box is open for business!
- 2pm KS2 Carol Concert

Tuesday, 3rd December

- 2pm KS2 Carol Concert

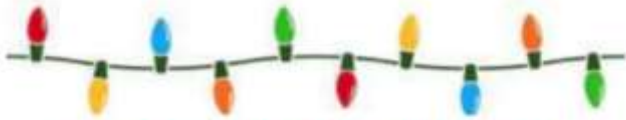
Wednesday, 4th December

- Deadline for Nativity costumes to be brought into school

Friday, 6th December

- Deadline to pay and return form for extra-curricular clubs
- 'Celebration Assembly' – parent/carers invited to attend. Please come to the school office at 2:45pm

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!



Kent Libraries



Construction Club at St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Library

Saturdays

11 am – midday, starting on the 4 January

Come and build, play, and create together!
No need to book - just come along and join in

Suitable for ages 4 – 11 years of age

All children must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible adult

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