



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 17th January 2025

Message from the Headteacher

As we settle back into the rhythm of school life, I am pleased to share some updates and reflections on our recent activities and achievements.

It has been great to see our pupils and staff getting back into the swing of things after the break. The energy and enthusiasm throughout the school are palpable, and it is clear that everyone is ready to embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

I am particularly proud of our School Council, who have once again demonstrated their commitment to improving our school. They have shared some excellent ideas for continuing improvements, and their thoughtful suggestions reflect the care and consideration they have for their fellow pupils and the school as a whole. It is always inspiring to see our young leaders taking such an active role in shaping their educational experience.

Today, we had the pleasure of witnessing a wonderful class assembly presented by Squirrels class. They shared their learning with confidence and enthusiasm, showcasing not only their academic progress but also their growing presentation skills. It was a delight to see their hard work come to fruition in such an engaging manner.

Furthermore, I have had the privilege this week of engaging in conversations with both parents and children about the successes of the past two terms and the opportunities still to come to make our school even better. It has been fantastic to hear about the various aspects of school life that our pupils have particularly enjoyed. These positive experiences are a testament to the dedication of our staff and the vibrant, supportive community we have cultivated together.

While we celebrate these achievements, I must also address an important matter regarding online safety. It has come to my attention that an increasing number of our pupils are using social media platforms, particularly TikTok. I would like to remind all parents that many of these platforms, including TikTok, have age restrictions in place. TikTok, requires users to be at least 13 years old. As none of our pupils meet this age requirement, they should not be sharing content on this platform.

I kindly ask all parents to monitor their children's online activities closely. The digital world offers many opportunities, but it also presents risks that our young pupils may not be equipped to navigate safely. Your vigilance in this matter is crucial in ensuring the well-being of our children in the online space. If you would like to find out more, I found this to be an interesting article as a parent: <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/tiktok>.

Have a happy and safe weekend.

Craig Ward – Headteacher



'Celebration Assembly'

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

Date: Friday, 24th January

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.



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Forest School Sessions

w/c Monday, 20th January 2025

Badgers Class

Things to remember:

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

Free School Meals

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you are in receipt of any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you’re not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)

Applications for Free School Meals can be made through the Kent County Website online at

[Free school meals - Kent County Council](#)

Whole School Attendance

13/01/25 - 17/01/25	3/09/24 – 17/01/25
96.3%	96.4%



Star Awards

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Due to the Squirrels Class family assembly this morning Star Awards will be given out next week and children’s names will appear in next week’s newsletter.

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 20th January 2025

Monday, 20th January

- Badgers Class Forest School sessions all week

Wednesday, 22nd January

- Deadline to return Owls Class residential trip initial interest form

Lunch Menu: Week 3

w/c Monday, 20th January 2025

£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>

Community Noticeboard

BRICKS AT THE MUSEUM

DATES: 15TH TO 23RD FEBRUARY (HALF TERM)
 LOCATED: RAF MANSTON HISTORY MUSEUM
 TIMES: 10 AM – 4PM DAILY



ARE YOU A LEGO ENTHUSIAST? IF SO THEN POP ON DOWN AND ENJOY THE FUN WITH LIKE-MINDED LEGO LOVERS AT OUR ULTIMATE FAMILY FRIENDLY EXHIBITION WEEK! (NORMAL MUSEUM ENTRANCE FEES APPLY)

LEGO FIGURE HUNT
 SEARCH AROUND THE MUSEUM, FIND THE HIDDEN LEGO FIGURES & WIN A PRIZE... ONLY £1.50

PLEASE CONTACT US ON:
 INFO@RAFMANSTON.CO.UK OR
 WWW.RAFMANSTON.CO.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION!

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO: WEATHER CONDITIONS, MECHANICAL BREAKDOWNS AND SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS

DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS

JANUARY 2025

- BAKED BEANS
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- CUPPA SOUP
- PASTA 'N' SAUCE
- FRUIT JUICE (UHT)
- SQUASH
- MILK (UHT)
- NOODLES
- DOG FOOD
- COFFEE
- HOT CHOCOLATE

PLEASE NOTE

We have plenty of pasta & pulses

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK
 UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER
CHARITY NO. 1144737

GO TO WEBSITE

FREE CRICKET COACHING



Interested in playing cricket?
 Come along and try for free!
 A six week coaching programme for players of all ages (minimum age 8)

Starts Sunday 9th February
 U11s: 6pm - 7pm
 U13s, U15s and adults: 7pm - 8pm

REGISTER NOW

Duke of Yorks School
 CT15 5EQ

To register e-mail
 incredhulks@hotmail.com