

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 26th April 2024



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

Coffee Mornings

We were very pleased to welcome parent/carers into school this week for our regular coffee morning led by our SENCo, Mrs Burkett. All parent/carers are very welcome to attend these – there was even cake this week thanks to Nathan's mum! Lucy Adams and Dee Murphy, LINK therapists from speech and language NHS services joined the meeting this week. Please note the following dates for future coffee mornings – no need to sign up, just turn up! Babies and toddlers welcome too.

- **Thursday May 23rd** - Healthy habits: sleep, eating, general well-being
- **Thursday June 27th** - Preparing for the summer holidays (Include Us 2 attending)

Parking

Staff have been extra vigilant about parking this week and I am pleased to hear that there has been an improvement – thank you. Please keep on doing all you can to keep our school community safe – park in a designated on-road parking space or in St James' car park for free. Remember that pavements are for people not cars.

School Uniform

Please be reminded about our school uniform. If you are struggling then let us know and we will help.

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.



Wishing you all a good weekend

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

In our Collective Worship this week we learnt about the Order of the Mustard Seed – a group of Christians who, through their prayerful obedience and compassionate acts, began to spread God's word and love around the Europe and the world.

They had three promises they lived by:

- To be true to Christ
- To be kind to people
- To take the gospel to the nations

We thought about these promises and wondered why they chose to live by these. We also thought about why they were called the Order of the Mustard Seed. Do you have any idea why? Our Thought for the Week elsewhere in this newsletter will give you the answer!

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:



Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Arthur** as he is a delight to have in class and always tries his best. Arthur has persevered with his reading this week, showing great concentration skills and determination! Well done Arthur – keep up the great work!

Class 1 – **Patrena** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as she always puts maximum effort into her learning! Patrena has settled beautifully into her new class, and has persevered when she has found an aspect of school life challenging. Well done Patrena – we are very proud of you.

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Aadhav**! Aadhav has not been at St Mary's for very long but he has settled in and shows a real fondness for his peers and our class environment. Aadhav is incredibly polite, and is a good friend to his peers. We are very proud of you Aadhav – well done!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Brian** as he comes into school every day ready to learn. In maths, Brian's fluency with multiplication, division and fractions has helped him to use and understand scales. Keep up all the wonderful work and the positive attitude Brian!

Class 4 – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is **Blaze** for his superb learning and great attitude in every lesson! Blaze has settled into Penguins Class amazingly, and is a keen and enthusiastic learner. He is always honest and polite – demonstrating our Christian values of Respect and Trust. Well done Blaze!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Maria** as she takes a full and active part in all activities and is always willing to share her ideas and opinions during discussions. Maria has really mastered how to use a protractor in maths, and has accurately measured and drawn angles. Maria also took great care when producing her 'Google Doodle' for St George's Day and was very proud of the outcome. Well done Maria!

Class 6 – **Alex** is Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class as he has applied great effort and a positive attitude towards his learning this week. In English, Alex has written a fantastic suspense-filled narrative, and worked hard on his vocabulary choices. Overall, a very successful week for Alex. Well done – keep it up!

Thought for the Week



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – **Class R** – 112 points

2nd – **Class 2** – 106 points

3rd – **Class 3** – 105 points

Term 5 2024

Monday 29th April:

Tuesday 30th April:

Class 6 Trip

Multi-Skills & Athletics Club

Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6

Wednesday 1st May:

Thursday 2nd May:

Class Photographs

Class 4 Multiplication Tables Check

Parent Workshop – 2:15pm

Multi-Skills & Athletics Club

Reception Class & Classes 1 & 2

Friday 3rd May:

Class 4 Trip

Go with the Flo...

THE SAGE NETWORK

DOVER BIG LOCAL

Come and plant seeds for our Great (Little) Outdoors and take one home with you!

22/4/24
29/4/24
13/5/24
20/5/24
3/6/24
10/6/24

Free Drop-In Sessions

10 - 12pm
In Unit 3 of
The Charlton Centre

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

Please note change of time and location for this sale!

Baby and Children's Nearly New Sale

Clothes
Swimwear
Maternity
Equipment
Toys
Books
Bedding
Shoes

Saturday 27th April 2024
10:00am - 12:30pm
Sandwich Technology School,
Deal Road, Sandwich, CT13 0FA

Register now to sell
If possible please avoid bringing buggies

Cash only
Please bring your own bags

Admission £1.50
Children Free

To register to sell or for more information please email:
fosis2019@yahoo.com

f Sandwich Nearly New Sale

SEND Spotlight

Kent Family Hub

Understanding your Child's Feelings and Behaviour Information Sessions

A bookable session providing a safe, supportive space for parents / carers of children aged 0-11 to chat with one of our Family Hub Workers and learn new techniques, ideas and strategies to better understand and manage their child's feelings and behaviour.

Children are welcome to come along with you.

Book a 1-1 session with one of our Family Hub Practitioners on the numbers below.

Tuesdays 10am - 12 noon at Somphire Family Hub
St David's Avenue, Aycliffe, Dover, CT17 9HJ
03000 420882

Wednesdays 1.00pm - 3pm at Buckland Family Hub
St Nicholas Church, The Lincs, Dover, CT16 2BN
03000 414941

Wednesdays 1.00pm - 3.00pm at Linwood Family Hub
Park Avenue, Deal, CT14 7TL
03000 420008

Please call us to book your place.
For more information please call us on the numbers above, or email openaccessdover@kent.gov.uk.

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Kent Learning Support



PARENT/CARERS COFFEE GROUP

Tuesday 30 April 2024
9.30-11.30am

A support group for parents/carers of children with SEN is now being run by Cloe Atkins- Specialist Support Worker- Dover Specialist Teaching & Learning Service (STLS).

Contact Sophie Hammond to book your place:
aspensmile@whitfield.kent.sch.uk

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Mayfield Road, Dover, CT16 3LJ

