

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022



## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Ms Comfort

### Lest we Forget

Thank you for your support with the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal – all of the items were sold. This week we displayed the school Book of Remembrance which lists the old boys of St Mary's School who lost their lives during the 1939-1945 war. Did you know that we also have a large plaque on the top corridor listing old boys of St Mary's School who fell during the 1914-18 war? It is just by the hall doors – do have a look next time you are in school.

Each of the classes made a poppy display this week. Here is collage work which Class 6 produced using a mix of materials and pastels.



### Working in partnership with you

It was good to see so many of our parent/carers in school this week for meetings with the teachers. This is a really important time when you can look at your child's workbooks – they are so proud to share them with you – and talk with the teacher about how your child is getting on. It is a great opportunity to talk about things like how you can help at home with reading or homework, to raise any concerns you may have and to talk about things which might be bothering or concerning you. I know how much the staff appreciate getting to know you and working together for the best of your child.

We will be making contact with anyone who was not able to come into school this week to make another appointment and look forward to seeing you then.

### Cognitive Abilities Tests (CATs)

At St Mary's CEP we undertake a range of assessments throughout each school year in order to better understand how the children are getting on with their learning and to help with planning to meet their needs. One of the assessments we use are CATs which the children take at the beginning of Year 4 and again at the beginning of Year 5 and then in the summer term of Year 5. These tests assess how well a pupil can think about tasks and solve problems using a range of different questions.

We use the tests three times as the format is quite unfamiliar to the children so they need practice in order to get used to them. Often results are lower at the start of Year 4 and increase throughout Year 5.

Parent/carers in Classes 4 and 5 have recently received their children's results. Please don't hesitate to speak with the class teacher, Mr Lamprell or me if you would like some clarification about the results. The tests are very similar to the Kent Test which some children will take at the start of Year 6 if they would like to go to one of the grammar schools. This is another reason why we use the CAT's so that we can help parent/carers to identify areas which the children need to work on.

### Class 4 Family Collective Worship

We were very pleased to welcome Class 4 families and friends into school this morning for the Class 4 family assembly, especially so as the rain clouds had parted and it was a dry journey to school today! The children spoke about remembrance, what it means to them, and what we all remember on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, of the 11<sup>th</sup> day, of the 11th month. Class 4 then sang a song about coming together, conflict and peace. They ended their assembly with a prayer.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

### Thought for the Week



### Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

Our theme this week was peacemaking and remembrance, ending with Armistice Day on Friday.

We explored patience and how we can work on peace at home, in school and within the wider world. Christians believe that the Bible teaches that God can help people when they get angry and bring peace into their lives. We considered the meaning behind James 1:19 'Remember this my dear friends! Everyone must be quick to listen, but slow to speak and slow to become angry'. Perhaps you could talk at home about ways we can calm ourselves down when we start to feel angry?

### Learners of the Week

**Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:**

**Class R – Fraser** is Turtles Learner of the Week as he comes into school with a smile on his face every day ready to learn. Fraser is a kind friend to others and always shows a positive attitude towards his learning. Well done Fraser – we are very proud of you!

**Class 1 – Martin** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish class. Martin is learning so many new sounds and we can see he is really enjoying reading. We love his enthusiasm and are proud of how he has settled into Year 1. Well done Martin!

**Class 2 – Maisey-Jay** could be Otters Learner of the Week every week! She comes to school with a smile on her face and a positive attitude. Maisey-Jay tries her best with all her learning and has made fantastic progress already this year. We are so proud of you Maisey-Jay!

**Class 3 –** Our Learner of the Week in Puffins class is **Aiden R** as he has continued to demonstrate his hard work during Maths lessons. He understands new concepts with great speed, especially when subtracting numbers across a 100! Well done Aiden!

**Class 4 –** Our Learner of the Week in Penguins class has shown a brilliant effort and attitude in class. They are always focussed and keen to succeed in all learning, being the best they can be. Well done – we are very proud of you!

**Class 5 –** Our Learner of the Week in Orcas class is **Eliza**. She has really impressed us with her effort and perseverance with her writing. She has been able to successfully analyse the features of our class text and then use these features to create her own innovated story. Well done Eliza!

**Class 6 –** Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses class has impressed us with their superb effort in all their learning. They are a kind, considerate member of the class and are helpful and supportive to others when in need. Their attitude towards their learning in every subject really helps them flourish and be the best they can be. Well done!

## Reception Class 2023

Applications for our Reception Class 2023 opened on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022. You can apply online at:

[www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places)

Further information about the application process can be found below.

We are very pleased to offer tours of the school for prospective new families – please telephone the school office to make an appointment. Mr Lamprell has already shown a number of prospective families around and has received very positive feedback from them.

Please note that the deadline for applications is **16<sup>th</sup> January 2023**. Do spread the word to people you know who may be interested in a place in our next new class.

# Admission to Primary school in Kent 2023

Apply online at  
**[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)**

Opens Friday 4 November 2022 and closes at  
midnight on Monday 16 January 2023

For children born between  
**1 September 2018**  
and **31 August 2019**,  
Transferring to Primary school  
in **September 2023**

## What to do

### Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the guide to Primary admissions at [www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

You can name up to three Primary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

### Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Friday 4 November 2022 and closes at midnight on Monday 16 January 2023.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

### Receiving your offer

On offer day (Monday 17 April 2023) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Monday 1 May 2023. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

## Key dates

<b>Friday 4 November 2022</b>	Online application process opens. Go to <a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions">www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions</a> to register and apply.
<b>Monday 16 January 2023</b>	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to <a href="mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk">kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</a>
<b>Monday 17 April 2023</b>	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
<b>Monday 1 May 2023</b>	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
<b>Friday 12 May 2023</b>	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at <a href="http://www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals">www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals</a> . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

## Need help?

Email [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk) or [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk)  
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at [kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.





Go with the FLO...



**SWAP SHOP**

12<sup>th</sup> November, Beacon Church Hall on Bartholomew street, Beaconsfield road, CT162LH at 11:00-13:00

10p  
Clothes  
Books

Got a pile of kid's clothes you no longer need? Or a collection of toys they no longer play with? Bring it down to the Swap shop where you can exchange them or make a donation

Contact Lizzie on 07800535543 for more information. We only accept children's items NOT adults.

Miss Hayley Lamb – Family Liaison Officer

#### **GOLDEN MANNER POINTS**

1<sup>st</sup> – Class R – 82 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 2 – 76 points  
Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> – Classes 1 & 4 – 70 points

#### **Term 2 – 2022**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Mental Health & Anti-bullying Week

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Football club  
Swimming – Class 5

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Swimming – Class 5

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November:**  
Multi-skills club  
Class 2 trip

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November:**  
CHILDREN IN NEED SPOTACULAR!



#### **HOUSE POINTS**

1<sup>st</sup> – **FISHER** – 175 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> – **LANG** – 118 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> – **TEMPLE** – 115 points  
4<sup>th</sup> – **RAMSEY** – 106 points

#### **Coronavirus Symptoms**

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday, 1 April.

##### **Updated guidance**

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Children and young people with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, which is when they are most infectious.

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious.

#### **Follow these links to our website and social media**

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-C-of-E-Primary-School-820857021275490/>

<https://twitter.com/stmarysdover>

As always, please don't hesitate to make contact via email or telephone with any queries, comments or concerns you may have.

**Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher**  
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Lunch Menu - Week 2  
Week beginning Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November

£2.43 per day – All meals must be paid in advance

To pay for your meals online, please go to: [www.principals-catering.com](http://www.principals-catering.com)

# YOUR MENU THIS WEEK



WEEK  
COMMENCING  
05.09.2022  
26.09.2022  
17.10.2022  
14.11.2022  
05.12.2022  
09.01.2023  
30.01.2023

Available daily

WEEK TWO

Handmade Bread (1,3,6,11), Fresh Salad & Fruit  
Also Available, Daily Jacket Potatoes with Beans, Cheese (1)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Mac & cheese (v) (1,3)	Chicken meatballs with tomato sauce	Roast turkey with gravy	Cottage pie (1,3)	Fish fingers (2,3) Or Salmon fishcakes. (2,3)
PLANT POWER	Vegetable burrito with potato wedges (v) (1)	Lentil & bean casserole (v) (1)(MC 3)	Autumn vegetable cobbler (v) (1,3)	Vegetarian cottage pie (v) (1,3,6)	Roasted squash & pepper frittata (1,11) (v)
SIDES	Sweetcorn & peas  Side salad	50/50 rice  Carrots  Green beans	Roast potatoes (mc.13)  Medley of vegetables	Cauliflower (v)  Broccoli (v)	Chips (v) baked beans (v) peas (v)
PUDDINGS	Fruit medley	Orchard fruit crumble with vanilla sauce (v) (1,3)	Yoghurt. (v) (1)	Berry ripple sponge (v)(1,3,11,12) with custard (1)	Golden syrup & ginger biscuit (v) (3)

Allergen Key: 1. Milk, 2. Fish, 3. Gluten, 4. Peanuts, 5. Tree nuts,  
6. Soya, 7. Sesame, 8. Lupin, 9. Shellfish, 10. Molluscs, 11. Egg,  
12. Sulphite, 13. Celery, 14. Mustard.

\*MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE\*

