

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 18th November 2022



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

An Inspector Calls – again!

By now you will all know that we were subject to an OFSTED inspection on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, with the school being notified on Monday that this was to happen. This follows the recent Church SIAMS inspection which the school had. I thank all of those parent/carers who spoke with the Inspector at the school gate and/or completed the Parentview survey. Information given by parent/carers forms an important part of the picture which the inspectors were gathering about our school.

When the report is finalised, it will be published to our school website for your information. I anticipate that this may not be until the new year but will let you know.

Anti-Bullying Week

We have been observing anti-bullying week over the last few days. Children have enjoyed decorating a pair of odd socks in class. We also wore odd socks to school on Monday to celebrate what makes us all unique!

It is very pleasing to note that children reported to the OFSTED inspectors this week that bullying is not a problem at St Mary's, but if any bullying did happen they know the grown-ups would sort it out.

A Spotacular Day!

We are very pleased to support the national Children in Need fundraiser once again. Thank you for your donations towards our collection. So many children have come to school wearing spotty, yellow or Pudsey related clothing and have brought money to donate to this amazing charity. In Collective Worship this morning, we thought about the inspiring things BBC Children in Need do for children around the UK.

The Guess the Name of the Teddy Bear Competition was a huge success! With Noah in the Turtles class, guessing the correct name, 'Frankie'! Well done Noah - Frankie the bear will be coming home with you today! Children finished the day by decorating Pudsey bears in their classrooms. A fantastic day was had by all!



Class 2 Trip to Dover Museum

Class 2 visited the museum in Dover this week and had a super time! The children enjoyed exploring the museum and learning about how Dover has changed over time. They saw the remains of the Bronze Age Boat that was found in Dover and were amazed to find out that it is around 3,500 years old! Lots of exciting learning took place and a fantastic time was had by all!



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the Week

Whether it's in school, at home, in the community or online, let's reach out and show each other the support we need. Reach out to someone you trust if you need to talk. Reach out to someone you know is being bullied. Reach out and consider a new approach.



Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

Collective Worship this week helped us all to think about how we are treated and how we treat others. We looked at Proverbs 12:25 'Worry can rob you of happiness, but kind words will cheer you up'. We thought about how we all get worried at times as part of life. Christians believe that God says they can leave their problems and worried with him 'Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about what happens to you' 1 Peter 5:7.

We thought about how next time we are feeling worried we can ask someone we trust for help. Perhaps you could talk at home with your child about who you talk to when you are worried and who they can talk to?

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Raven is Turtles Learner of the Week for being an all-round superstar! She always tries her best and engages well with all learning tasks in the classroom. Raven is a kind and respectful member of the class and is always willing to help others. Well done Raven!

Class 1 - Starfish Learner of the Week is **Rebecca**. She is a superstar and we can see the enjoyment she gets from her new books. Well done Rebecca, we are very proud of you!

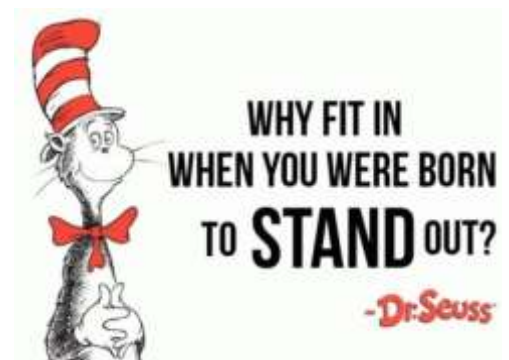
Class 2 - Vivien is our Learner of the Week in Otters class. She tries her best with all her learning and has designed a brilliant bug hotel in science, as well as a super chair for baby bear in our DT lessons. We are very proud of you Vivien - well done!

Class 3 - Our Learner of the Week is a very kind and helpful member of Puffins class. They have been highly praised for their hard work in maths, and also for being so helpful with our new class member. They have also gained lots of confidence in our class discussions - well done!

Class 4 - Penguins Learner of the Week has demonstrated such a positive and enthusiastic attitude in school. They are focussed and attentive in every lesson and are keen to do their best in every task. They always persevere, even when they find things difficult. Well done!

Class 5 - Amelia is Orcas Learner of the Week as she is someone who has become a shining light in our class. She has slowly become more confident and vocal within the classroom. Amelia has shown amazing improvement in her mathematical skills, happily taking part in class questioning. Well done Amelia!

Class 6 - Scarlett is Learner of the Week in Seahorses class. She has been a superstar with all her learning and has made us smile every day! Scarlett has shown great perseverance in maths this week when learning all about fractions. She hasn't given up, even when it has been challenging and for that, she should be so proud!



Reception Class 2023

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

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 **16th 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

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.

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

Friday 4 November 2022	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 16 January 2023	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 17 April 2023	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 1 May 2023	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.
Friday 12 May 2023	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk or kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at 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...

Now that the weather has well and truly changed and we start to head in to the winter months, please can I remind you all of our school expectations regarding your child being unwell and their attendance.

Should you find that your child is too unwell to attend school, it is vital that you call the office between 8am -8.40am to inform the school that your child will be absent and the reason why. If you do not call the school office, then the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Cough and colds are very common at this time of year and often just require some child friendly paracetamol for a child to feel better. I would like to inform you that if your child has a cough or a cold and seem well enough in themselves, they can attend school, where staff will monitor the child; if they start to worsen, contact with parents will be made.

Toothache is another common ailment that school have seen over the academic year so far, this should be treated with paracetamol or ibuprofen, which can be administered at school if a medication form is completed. Any child with toothache should then attend school while a dentist appointment is sought.

Any child who has vomited or had diarrhoea must stay off school for 48 hours after the last episode.

If you have any queries regarding your child being unwell, please contact the office for further guidance.

Miss Hayley Lamb – Family Liaison Officer

Term 2 – 2022

Monday 21st November:

Tuesday 22nd November:

Football club
Swimming – Class 5

Wednesday 23rd November:

Swimming – Class 5

Thursday 24th November:

Multi-skills club

Friday 25th November:

Class 6 Victorian Day

HOUSE POINTS

1st – **TEMPLE** – 149 points

2nd – **RAMSEY** – 137 points

3rd – **LANG** – 131 points

4th – **FISHER** – 117 points

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – **Class 6** – 90 points

2nd – **Class 1** – 89 points

3rd – **Class R** – 84 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 3
 Week beginning Monday 21st 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

YOUR MENU THIS WEEK



WEEK COMMENCING
 12.09.2022
 03.10.2022
 31.10.2022
 21.11.2022
 12.12.2022
 16.01.2023
 06.02.2023

Available daily

WEEK THREE

Handmade Bread (1,3,6,11), Fresh Salads & Whole Fruit,
 Jacket Potatoes with Beans, Cheese (1)

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Roasted vegetable pasta bake (v) (1,3)	Traditional beef & vegetable pie with gravy (1,3)	Roast Gammon & gravy	Chicken goujons with bbq sauce (3)	Fish fingers (2,3)
PLANT POWER	Smoky vegetable & cheese pizza (v) (1,3,6) (mc.11)	Butternut squash & red pepper pie (v)(3)	Quorn sausages & gravy(v) (3)	Vegetable & bean wrap (v) (3)	Cheese, potato & onion pie (v) (1,3)
SIDES	Half a jacket Sweetcorn & pepper Coleslaw (11) Peas	Mash(v) (mc.13) Cauliflower Green beans	Roast potatoes (mc.13) Green cabbage Carrots	Potato wedges Sweetcorn Broccoli	Chips Baked beans Peas
PUDDINGS	Ice cream/ yoghurt (1)	Oat cookie (1,3) with a glass of milk (1)	Chocolate & fruit rice pudding. (v) (1)	Winter fruit sponge with custard (1,3,11,12)	Krispie cake (v) (1,3,6)

Allergn 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

