

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 25th November 2022



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The school tree is decorated and the hoops have been hung! That must mean that Advent is about to start as we get ready for, and countdown to, Christmas day.

Hopefully you will have seen our recent letter with all of the key dates and information you need about our school Christmas celebrations. The main events next week are for children in Key Stage 2 (classes 3, 4, 5 and 6).

Pantomime Trip Thursday 1st December

Please note that children need to be ready and waiting at 8:40am when the Maison Dieu gate opens so that they can come into school, leave their bits and pieces in the classroom, be registered and board the coach ready for a prompt 8:50am-9:00am departure. The pantomime starts at 10:00am so I am afraid that we will not be able to wait for any late arrivals.

The children need to wear school uniform and a school coat. We will take some biscuits to share during the interval and packed lunches will be eaten on return to school – this may not be until 1:30pm. We will all need to have a good breakfast before coming to school to keep us going until then!

Key Stage 2 Disco - Friday 2nd December - 3:00pm – 4:30pm

DJ Nigel will be spinning the discs in the school hall and hot dogs and squash will be served; children are to bring party clothes to change into at school – dress to impress! The deadline for ordering a ticket is Monday 28th November so that the sausages and buns can be ordered. Children to be collected from Laureston Place gate at 4:30pm by an adult (aged 18+).

Time travel!

Children and staff in Class 6 looked fabulous in their Victorian outfits today. Miss Loges explained that as part of their Victorian Era history topic, the children would take part in a Victorian themed day. The children had the opportunity to try a variety of activities to help them to understand what life was like for Victorian school children. The purpose behind the day was to promote a love for their history topic and to generate some perspective writing.

Reading Books for Years R, 1 and 2

I am very pleased that our reading scheme books for the children in Classes R, 1 and 2 to bring home are finally with us. You have been sent a separate letter about these today and there is further information in this newsletter about what we would like you and your children to do with these books. Books have been sent home in a plastic polypocket so that they do not get damaged. Please look after the books and return them in the polypocket every Wednesday.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Learner of the Week

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

Class R - The whole of Turtles class are our Learners of the Week this week as they have all been fantastic! They have all been kind and caring to one another, and have made us smile every day. Well done Turtles class, we are very proud of you!

Class 1 - Starfish Learner of the Week has been trying so hard with their writing and produced a fantastic story map for our version of 'The Way Back Home'! We have loved seeing their smiley face every day.

Class 2 - Our Learner of the Week in Otters class is **Sara**. She is a fantastic friend to her peers, and tries her best in all her learning. Sara has made Miss Sayer and Miss Wrench smile this week with her kindness towards others. You have been a superstar Sara - well done!

Class 3 - Paignton is our Learner of the Week in Puffins class this week as she is helpful, kind to everyone and a reliable member of the class. Paignton is highly valued by her peers and has been chosen to be class councillor, which is a responsibility she has embraced.

Class 4 - Millie is our Learner of the Week in Penguins class as her effort and determination has shone. She listens intently and always works to the best of her ability. She has also impressed us with her amazing understanding of area in Maths. Well done Millie!

Class 5 - Our Learner of the Week in Orcas class is **Chase**. Chase has shone during our performance of our model text poem, 'Chocolate Cake'. He was extremely creative with his actions to accompany the words and bravely acted them out with our entire class. Well done Chase!

Class 6 - Isebelle is Seahorses Learner of the Week as she has been a superstar pupil! She has wowed her teachers with her learning, writing a newspaper report about a robbery, and has smashed her fractions work in maths. She has proved that perseverance pays off! Well done Isebelle!



Reading News!

We are excited to share with you the news about our new reading books for home! Starting today, children in classes R-2 will be bringing home two books each week, to read at home.

1. A Success for All Phonics reading scheme book
2. A 'reading for pleasure' book

Books will go home every Friday and need to be returned with the purple reading record every **Wednesday**.

The children have been working hard in their phonics reading sessions using the same reading scheme book this week. They are looking forward to sharing their reading with you! The reading for pleasure book can be read **to** your child, or read together.

We welcome you to a Parent's Home Reading Information afternoon on **Monday 12th December 2022 from 2:00pm**. Please see separate letter for further details and information regarding reading in classes R-2.

Mrs Louisa Wallis – Assistant Head of School

Thought for the Week



Term 2 – 2022

Monday 28th November:

KS2 Christmas Disco response deadline
Christmas Dinner booking deadline

Tuesday 29th November:

Football club
Swimming – Class 5

Wednesday 30th November:

Swimming – Class 5

Thursday 1st December:

KS2 Pantomime Trip
Multi-skills club

Friday 2nd December:

KS2 Christmas Disco – 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Go with the FLO...



Saturday Kids Club

At the Charlton Centre



26 November
10 to Midday

Charlton Centre, Dover, CT17 1TT 01304 449385

Miss Hayley Lamb – Family Liaison Officer

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

Trish Simmonds and Reverend Melissa came into our Collective Worship on Wednesday bringing with them 'Toby the torch' - he likes to shine his light before others! They told the 'Warm Fuzzy' story about the importance of sharing.

Two children from each class were chosen to be given a 'warm fuzzy' - in the form of a colourful pom-pom.



"We can give warm fuzzies, like these cute little pom-poms. But we can also give warm fuzzies that are sparkly, little, fluffy, imaginary balls of happy. You see, when we offer a kind word or help someone to feel better, that's the best kind of warm fuzzy there is" they said.

The idea is that the children – and staff – keep hold of the warm fuzzy for a while before passing them on as an act of kindness. We are looking forward to seeing how far these 'warm fuzzies' get through the school!

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **LANG** - 165 points
- 2nd - **RAMSEY** - 161 points
- 3rd - **FISHER** - 128 points
- 4th - **TEMPLE** - 127 points

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class 2** - 87 points
- 2nd - **Class 4** - 80 points
- 3rd - **Class 5** - 70 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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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.



Lunch Menu - Week 1
Week beginning Monday 28th 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
29.08.2022
19.09.2022
10.10.2022
07.11.2022
28.11.2022
02.01.2023
23.01.2023



Available daily

WEEK ONE

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

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Cheese & tomato pizza. (v) (1,3,6)(mc.11)	Beef bolognese with 50/50 pasta (3)	Roast chicken & gravy	Pork sausage hot dog with ketchup (3,12)(mc.7)	Fish fingers (2,3)
PLANT POWER	Chickpea, spinach & potato curry with 50/50 rice. (v) (1)(mc.13)	Red lentil & vegetable bolognese. (v) (1,3)	Cheesy cauliflower & squash bake. (v) (1,3,14)	Quorn hot dog with ketchup. (v) (1,3,11)(mc.7)	Broccoli, tomato & cheddar topped focaccia. (v) (1,3)
SIDES	Sweetcorn Baked beans Garlic & herb potatoes (mc.13)	Carrots Green beans	Roast potatoes (mc.13) Medley of vegetables	Baked potato wedges Sweetcorn Winter slaw	Chips Baked beans Peas
PUDDINGS	Cherry & vanilla shortbread (1,3)	Marbled sponge with chocolate sauce (1,3,11)	Rice pudding with fruit compote (1)	Wholemeal caramel apple crumble & custard (1,3)	Fruit jelly (12)

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

