

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022



## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Ms Comfort

What a busy week! Two performances of the Early Years / Key Stage 1 Nativity, and all the classes in Key Stage 2 carolling at St James' shopping centre on Friday afternoon! Well done to the children and staff for their preparation of these events and thank you to so many friends and families of the children who joined us for these important Christmas celebrations.



### Christingle Service

Next week the children will all be making Christingles at school in preparation for our end of term Christingle Service which we will be holding on the last day of the term. Each element of a Christingle has a special meaning. The orange represents the world, the red tape represents the love and blood of Christ, the dried fruit represent all of God's creations and the lit candle represents Jesus's light in the world, bringing hope to people living in darkness.

### Last Week of Term

There is still lots happening in the last week of term.

On Monday, **Reception Class and Classes 1 and 2** will be visiting the cinema for a special Christmas treat.

Key Stage 2 classes will be presenting their **Carol Concert** in St Mary's Church on Tuesday at 1.30pm, and you are all welcome to join us.

**Christmas Lunch** is on Wednesday, for those who have pre-ordered. **Christmas jumpers** can be worn on this day too.

**Party Day** is on Thursday – school uniform to be worn as usual and children to bring a plate or box of party tea to enjoy. Classes will spend time in the hall playing traditional party games.

School finishes at normal time on **Friday 16th December** for the term, and we look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**.

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 - Piper** is our Learner of the Week in Turtles class for her fantastic performance in the Nativity. Piper was confident on stage and delivered her lines perfectly. Well done Piper - we are very proud of you!



**Class 1 - Our Learner of the Week in Starfish class is Zala.** Zala overcame her fears of reading in front of her peers and adults in the Nativity. Well done Zala - we are very proud of you!

**Class 2 - All of Otters class** are our Learners of the Week this week as they overcame their pre-show Nativity and performed with confidence and enthusiasm. Well done Otters class!

**Class 3 - Harley** is Puffins' class Learner of the Week as he is a kind, happy and extremely courteous member of our class. Harley consistently works hard at everything and to the best of his ability. Well done Harley!

**Class 4 - Dolly-Ann** is Penguins' Learner of the Week as she is an 'information sponge'. She always listens, holds vitals facts, and is keen to share her brilliant knowledge and ideas during lessons. She takes pride in her Student Council role and is keen to support and represent her class. Well done Dolly-Ann!

**Class 5 - Learner of the Week in Orcas class is Mileigh.** Mileigh has shown great skills in English and independently uses rhetorical questions, emotive language, creative adjectives and relative clauses within her work. Well done Mileigh!

**Class 6 - Chloe G** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses class. She has worked her socks off and made all her teachers proud! In English, Chloe has published her newspaper report about robbery at the local shop using a sausage roll and chocolate éclair! It looks wonderful in her shiny new publishing folder. Well done Chloe!

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

The children continued to explore the meaning of Advent this week. Pupils focused on 'Hope', 'Faith' and 'Joy' looking at the meaning of these through parables in the Bible such as: 'Remembering the prophecy of Isaiah' and 'Remembering John The Baptist'. I wonder what is important to you at Christmas time and how you prepare for the 'special day'?

In Singing Worship, the children continued to practice songs based on Nativity and the Carol Concert - the children loved sharing these with you during the Nativity Performances this week, and will do at the KS2 Carol Concert next week.

## **Thought for the Week**



## **Christingle & Crib Service**

St Mary's Church, Dover  
Cannon Street, Dover

**Christmas Eve at 4:00pm**

A traditional Christmas service for the whole family as we explore the nativity story and the first Christmas, with Christingles!

Feel free to come dressed as your favourite nativity character, a shepherd, a king, and angel, or maybe a donkey... the kids can dress up too!



**Go with the FLO...**

### **Cost of Living Support**

Please follow the link below to the KCC website for help and support with the cost of living:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/cost-of-living-support>

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

With the official date for 'Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day' being yesterday, 8th December 2022, and school supporting this next week on Wednesday 14th December 2022, I have included a jumper template below for the children to create their own Christmas jumper over the weekend. It would be lovely to see the children's ideas next week.

### **School Underwear**

If your child has borrowed any boys or girls underwear from school, please could you return this to their class teacher or the office. Many thanks.

**Miss Hayley Lamb – Family Liaison Officer**

## **Design your own Christmas jumper**





## Term 2 – 2022

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December:

Classes R, 1 & 2 Cinema Trip  
Classes R, 1 & 2 Home Reading Information  
Parent Event

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December:

KS2 Carol Service

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December:

Christmas Jumper Day  
Christmas Dinner

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December:

Christmas Party Day

### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December:

Last day of Term 2

**CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON  
WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023**



## HOUSE POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – **LANG** – 117 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> – **FISHER** – 100 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> – **RAMSEY** – 99 points  
4<sup>th</sup> – **TEMPLE** – 97 points



## GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

Joint 1<sup>st</sup> – Year 1 & Year 4 – 100 points  
Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> – Year R & Year 3 – 66 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 2 – 62 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 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.



## Lunch Menu – Christmas Week

The Christmas Week menu below is for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December only



£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)

Or contact Principals Catering on 0800 047 0319

CHRISTMAS WEEK 2022		WEEK COMMENCING 12/12/2022				
YOUR MENU THIS WEEK	MAIN MEAL	Classic 'mac & cheese' (v) (gluten, milk)	Sausages & Yorkshire pudding (egg, gluten, soya, sulphites)	Roast turkey, stuffing & gravy (gluten)	Chicken goujons with bbq sauce (gluten)	Fish fingers (fish, gluten)
	PLANT POWER	Herby tomato pizza (v) (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Quorn sausage with Yorkshire pudding (egg, gluten, milk) (v)	Festive veggie pull with gravy (v) (egg, gluten, milk)	Vegetarian chilli nachos (vg) (gluten)	Vegetable fingers with hummus dip (gluten, sesame, may contain celery, mustard) (vg)
	SIDES	Jacket wedges Sweetcorn & peppers	Mash potato (may contain celery) Vegetable medley	Roast potatoes Roasted parsnips, carrots & green cabbage Garden peas	50/50 rice Sweetcorn Broccoli	Chips Baked beans Peas
	PUDDINGS	Berry cookie (vg) (gluten)	Festive orange jelly (vg)	Crimbo chocolate yule cake (v) (eggs, gluten)	Christmas chocolate & vanilla ice cream (milk) & Chocolate mousse for dining centres (milk) (v)	Santas sprinkle krispie cake (v) (gluten, milk, soya, sulphites)
	Available daily Handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg), Fresh salad & fruit, Jacket potatoes with beans, cheese (milk)					

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



MAY YOU BE PROUD  
OF THE WORK THAT YOU DO  
THE PERSON YOU ARE  
AND THE DIFFERENCE  
YOU MAKE