Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 16th December 2022

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance

A Message from Ms Comfort

It's Christmastime!

There has been no let-up in our school Christmas celebrations which have continued this week at school.

On Tuesday, Key Stage two children and staff led us in our annual Carol Concert at St Mary's Church. Each class led a carol, Class 6 told the Christmas story, Class 4 acted this out and Class 3 provided a candlelit procession at the beginning. It was a beautiful service which was enjoyed by all.

Wednesday was our Christmas Dinner Day. Our school cooks did a grand job catering a Christmas Lunch for us all – huge thanks to them for making this such a successful event. Our Christmas jumpers brightened up the hall and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Party Day on Thursday allowed the children and staff to come together to pit their skills and wits against each other in a variety of games and activities! Team-work, co-operation and turn-taking skills were also well practised! The children all enjoyed their tea party afterwards; thank you for supporting us with this.

We rounded off our celebrations with our special Christingle Collective Worship this morning.

As we break up and take down our school decorations we are all looking forward to our family Christmas celebrations, as I am sure you are too. I would like to thank all children and staff for their hard work and dedication to always doing the very best they can. I would also like to thank families for their ongoing support.

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to offer the very best Christmas wishes to you all and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

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!

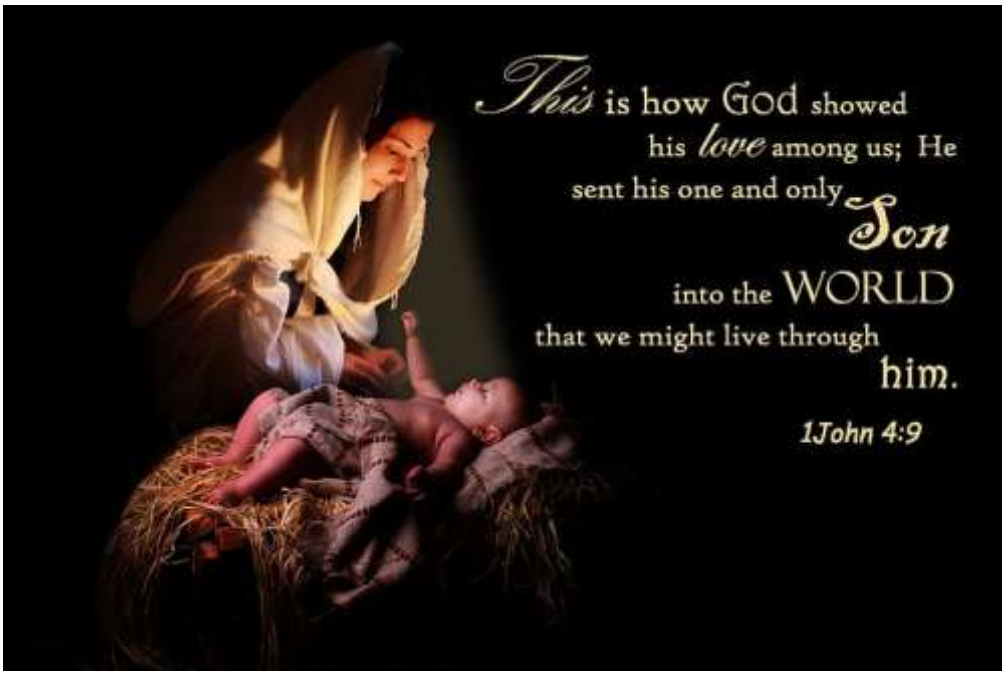
Feel free to come dressed as your favourite nativity character, a shepherd, a king, and angel, or maybe a donkey… the kids can dress up too!

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

We lit the fourth Advent Candle in our wreath this week and thought about its meaning – Love, remembering Mary, the mother of Jesus.

We thought about how we would react if someone asked us to do something really important and special as Mary is asked to in the story. We considered what Christmas means to Christians and to each of us.

Thought for the Week



Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Star of the Week:

Class R – Arthur is Turtles Learner of the Week. He has settled into his new class and shown everyone what a kind and helpful person he is. Well done Arthur!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Aria**. She has tried so hard with her phonics and loves using her phoneme fingers to sound out! This week she blended her sounds confidently to make words on her own. Well done Aria!

Class 2 – Miss Sayer and Miss Wrench are super proud of Otters Learner of the Week. They have tried their best with every task and have produced some fantastic work. They are a kind, polite and helpful member of the class and put a smile on our faces every day.

Class 3 – Ariella is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class. Ariella has progressed tremendously and has participated in many more activities and tasks. Ariella has persevered throughout many lessons and has worked collaboratively with her peers to develop her skills with great enthusiasm. Well done Ariella!

Class 4 – Brodie is Penguins Learner of the Week for the brilliant effort and attitude he has had in class. He is focussed and keen to succeed in all learning, being the best he can be. We done Brodie! A lovely attitude – keep it up!

Class 5 – The Whole of Orcas Class are our Learners of the Week this week. All the adults are so proud of their progress this term. They have been so well behaved and persevered with their swimming! However, we are most proud of their performance at the Carol Service. Well done Orcas Class!

Class 6 – Phoebe is Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class. She has worked extremely hard with her learning and should be very proud. In English, Phoebe has written a brilliant informal letter in the role of Michael from our book, Skellig. Phoebe always tries her best with all her learning and produces fantastic work that she should be proud of.

Go with the FLO…

Dover, Deal & Sandwich Children's Centres

CHILDREN'S CENTRE CHRISTMAS OPENING TIMES

19th - 23rd December - All centres open

23rd December - Samphire closed

27th - 28th December - All centres closed

29th - 30th December - Buckland open

3rd January - All centres reopen

9th January - All groups start

On 29th and 30th December Buckland and Whitfield Children's Centre can be contacted on 03000 414941

DOVER DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CENTRES WISH YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Kent County Council

For more information please go to:

https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/childcare-and-pre-school/childrens-centres

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Miss Hayley Lamb – Family Liaison Officer

Term 3 – 2023

Monday 2nd January:
BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 3rd January:
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday 4th January:
First day of Term 3

Thursday 5th January:

Friday 6th December:

HOUSE POINTS

1st – LANG – 129 points
2nd – FISHER – 124 points
3rd – RAMSEY – 120 points
4th – TEMPLE – 115 points

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 3 – 62 points
2nd – Class R – 60 points
3rd – Class 2 – 52 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.

Kent County Council kent.gov.uk

Lunch Menu – Week 1
Week beginning Monday 2nd January 2023

£2.43 per day – All meals <u>must</u> be paid in advance

To pay for your meals online, please go to: www.principals-catering.com

Or contact Principals Catering on 0800 047 0319

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

WEEK ONE

Available daily

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)

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