

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023



## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Ms Comfort

### Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and welcome to 2023. Children and staff have returned to school in fine spirits and are ready for the challenges which lie ahead this term.

### Epiphany

Epiphany - also known as Three Kings' Day - is a **Christian holiday which falls on 6 January**. It is a special date for many Christians as it's when people celebrate how a star led the Magi - also known as the Three Kings or the Wise Men - to visit the baby Jesus after he had been born.



### Staff Training

Teachers and Teaching Assistants spent the day on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January in training exploring ways in which we can further support children with Special Educational Needs.

### Clubs

Clubs start again on 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January – the deadline for applying for a place was today (6<sup>th</sup> January).

### Warm Clothing

It is that time of year when the temperature really drops – please ensure that your child has plenty of warm clothing to protect them when they are outside.

### Reception Class 2023

Applications for our Reception Class 2023 are now open, 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)

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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.

**Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

If your child recently missed their Childhood Flu Immunisation, the School Immunisation Team would like to invite parents to book an appointment at one of their Community Clinics.

Parents can book an appointment via their website on the link below:

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms>

This link also provides other useful information regarding vaccinations and the School Aged Immunisation Service.



## Thought for the Week



## Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

6th January is the celebration in the Christian calendar called Epiphany. This is when the Christian church remembers when the wise men came to visit Jesus. The word 'Epiphany' comes from Greek and means 'manifestation'. It celebrates the revelation of God in his Son as human Christ. I wonder what important message the visit of the wise men has for us?

It was clear that the children hadn't lost their 'singing voices' as they sung beautifully in Singing Worship. There were also many celebrations shared in a positive Celebration Collective Worship.

## Learner of the Week

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

**Class R - Romany-Mai** is Turtles Learner of the Week as she has shown our Christian values this week in class and on the playground. She has been a kind friend, welcoming and caring for new members of our class. Well done Romany-Mai!

**Class 1 - Our** Learner of the Week in Starfish class is **George**. He has really impressed us with his phonics knowledge and is so keen to read every day and show us what he can do. We are very proud of you George - keep up the hard work!

**Class 2 - Richard** is our Learner of the Week in Otters class as he has settled in brilliantly and comes to school every day with a smile on his face. He always tries his best to join in with all the learning in class and has made lots of friend. Keep up the good work Richard!

**Class 3 - Puffins** Learner of the Week is a very kind and helpful member of our class. They have been particularly helpful with various tasks this week and are always willing to support other friends in all subjects. They listen carefully in lessons and do not hesitate to put their hand up to share their ideas. We are all very proud of you!

**Class 4 - Eddie** is Penguins Learner of the Week as he has returned with a wonderful attitude and been an absolute star in every lesson. He has contributed valuable ideas and answers in every lesson. He is a very polite member of our class - always demonstrating our Christian value - Respect. Well done Eddie! A brilliant week!

**Class 5 - Our** Learner of the Week in Orcas class is **Chase** for having a great positive mindset towards all his work in class this week. It has been lovely to see his smiley face after the Christmas break. Well done Chase!

**Class 6 - Roman** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses class. He has come back to school after the Christmas holidays with a new spring in his step! Roman has proved himself to be quite the artist! He has created a wonderful water colour painting of a melting earth to show the effect of climate change on our planet. Well done Roman - keep up the hard work!



## GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> - Year R  
Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> - Year's 1 & 6  
4<sup>th</sup> - Year 4

## HOUSE POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> - **FISHER** - 61 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> - **TEMPLE** - 59 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> - **LANG** - 58 points  
4<sup>th</sup> - **RAMSEY** - 52 points



Go with the FLO...

# SWAP SHOP

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



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 07800535541 for more information. We only accept children's items NOT adults.



"Never do anything by halves if you want to get away with it. Be outrageous. Go the whole hog. Make sure everything you do is so completely crazy it's unbelievable."

Miss Hayley Lamb – Family Liaison Officer

## 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.

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Further information about the application process can be found below.

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# 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 – Week 2**  
**Week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**£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



# YOUR MENU THIS WEEK

Available daily

**WEEK TWO**

WEEK COMMENCING  
 05.09.2022  
 26.09.2022  
 17.10.2022  
 14.11.2022  
 05.12.2022  
 09.01.2023  
 30.01.2023

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\***

