

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2023



## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Ms Comfort

### Pupil Progress Meetings

Mr Lamprell and I have spent time this week meeting with each of the teachers to talk about how every child in each class is progressing with their learning. We looked at recent teacher assessments and thought about the work in the children's books and the observations the staff have made of children during learning time. We were pleased to see how many children are progressing with their learning and spent time reviewing what else we can do to drive further improvement.

### Living our School Values

I hope that you will all know how important our school Christian Values are in shaping the work which we do. Our children and staff are great at demonstrating that they know and understand them and use them throughout their day at school to help them to be the best they can be – this may be when they are approaching their work in class or helping them to get on with each other. We also consider how our Values help us to care for people and places outside of our school.

One of the residents in Laureston Place telephoned into school this week. She said she was calling to make us aware of the amount of litter that is being dropped on Laureston Place. She said that she appreciates that it isn't just our parents that are dropping litter, but she did say that the problem gets significantly worse during term time. She also said she witnessed a parent pull up in their car one day this week, and when they drove away there was a bag of litter left behind.

It saddens me to think that our families could be causing this problem. I ask you all to consider whether you are dropping litter near school, or anywhere, and if you are respectfully ask you not to. Staff will be keeping a close eye on this matter; it is important that we all work together to make our environment as safe and pleasant as possible.

I thank you all for your support with this matter.

### Reception Class 2023

The closing date for applications for our next Reception Class is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January. 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)

Do spread the word to people you know who may be interested in a place in our next new class.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

## GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – Class 3 – 108 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 4 – 93 points

Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> –

Classes 1 & 2 – 74 points



## HOUSE POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – FISHER – 189 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – TEMPLE – 188 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – LANG – 180 points

4<sup>th</sup> – RAMSEY – 171 points

## Thought for the Week



## Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

This week we reflected on what Christians believe about Jesus' childhood. On Monday we learnt about what happened soon after his birth. The Bible stories in Luke 2: 21-24 tell how Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the temple, which was part of their Jewish custom. They thanked God for their baby and offered a sacrifice of two doves in thanks to God for baby Jesus.

We thought about what our parents did when we were born and wondered about what they did to celebrate. Christians today thank God for their babies during the service of baptism or thanksgiving.



## Learner of the Week

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

**Class R** - Our Learner of the Week in Turtles class is **Yadah** as she has joined in with all the phonics in class. She has been pointing to all the words in her reading book, and reading all the tricky words. Well done Yadah!

**Class 1** - **Lavin** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish class and she has persevered with everything she does. She is always very respectful of her friends and has completed lots of fantastic work this week. Well done Lavin!

**Class 2** - Our Learner of the Week in Otters class is **Zante** for his fantastic attitude towards his learning. Zante has tried his best with every task this week and has worked hard with his handwriting. Zante has joined in when performing the actions for our story, 'The Whale who Wanted More', and has enjoyed discussing the thoughts and feelings of the characters. Well done Zante!

**Class 3** - **Lara** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins class as she has made tremendous progress in her writing. She has written lovely simple sentences about 'Jack and the Beanstalk', with correct story sequence. Lara has shown good friendship this week, comforting her friends with kind and encouraging words when they have felt sad. Well done Lara!

**Class 4** - Our Learner of the Week in Penguins class has been an absolute star this week and has a wonderful attitude towards their learning. They are focused and always listens to what they have to do, determined to learn and be the best they can be. Well done - we are very proud of you!

**Class 5** - **Keatyn** is our Learner of the Week in Orcas class. She has shown improvement in her maths and English, and continuously shown perseverance in all areas of her work. She comes in every day with a bright smile. We have all been so delighted to watch her blossom in class and use her new found confidence to help other pupils within the classroom. Well done Keatyn!

**Class 6** - Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses is **Chloe P.** She is a happy, smiley and helpful member of our class, and is always a pleasure to teach. She has grown in confidence since starting Year Six and it has been wonderful to watch her flourish. Chloe has been a whizz in maths and a superstar author. Keep up the hard work Chloe - we are all very proud of you!

## Go with the FLO...

### Our school milk scheme

Our school provides a milk scheme that is available to all of our pupils and we would like to invite you to register your child. School milk is free for under-5's, and for over-5's it is available at a subsidised price.



Each child that registers with Cool Milk will receive a 189ml portion of semi-skimmed milk every day, delivered fresh and chilled to the classroom. Their school milk will not only provide them with essential nutrients, but as it is rehydrating and energy boosting it also bridges the gap between breakfast and lunch to help children stay focused.

### How to register

#### If your child is under five:

- Register online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)
- Register by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's free milk to start the following week
- Free milk will continue until the Friday before your child's fifth birthday. You will receive a payment request from Cool Milk four weeks before their birthday - if you wish your child to continue to receive school milk, simply make a payment.

#### If your child is five or older:

- Register and pay online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)
- You can pay Cool Milk either online, over the phone or at a local PayPoint in half-termly, termly or annual instalments.
- Please pay by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's milk to start the following week

If you have any questions regarding school milk please visit [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) or contact Cool Milk directly on 0800 321 3248.

**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.

### The week ahead..



#### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January:**

Year R Primary Applications Close

#### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January:**

Multi-Sports Club

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January:**

#### **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January:**

Inclusive Sports Club

#### **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January:**

Class 6 Family Collective Worship

### 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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## 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 – Week 3  
Week beginning Monday 16<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

WEEK COMMENCING  
12.09.2022  
03.10.2022  
31.10.2022  
21.11.2022  
12.12.2022  
16.01.2023  
06.02.2023

Love the food that loves you back

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)

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\*