# **Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School**



## Learning for life with God as our guide

## Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023



## Our Christian Values Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance











#### A Message from Ms Comfort

#### Class 6 Family Collective Worship

We were very pleased to welcome our Class 6 families into school this morning. Class 6 took the audience on a trip back in time to 1837! They shared what life was like for children during the Victorian Era - it was pretty bleak! The class shared some interesting facts, sang a song, recited a poem and even illustrated their amazing art skills before taking us back to the modern day! A very well presented and enjoyable Collective Worship. Well done Class 6.

#### <u>Parent Governor</u>

Do you have some time to give to the school in a voluntary capacity? Would you be interested in joining our governing body? We are seeking nominations for a new parent governors for St Mary's.

The Governors meet once a term in school– on a Wednesday at 4.30pm and meetings last for about an hour and a half to two hours. There are papers to read before the meeting in preparation for the conversations to be had. In addition to a meeting once a term, governors need to be able to give time to coming into school between meetings to meet with senior leaders or subject leaders and to visit the classes. There is also a requirement to attend training – courses are put on by the education department in Kent. The courses are very accessible, are aimed at governors - most of whom are not educational professionals - and help governors to understand their role and responsibilities.

Governors work as a team – no-one is expected to know everything and the contributions of all governors, including parent governors, helps the governing body to support the school to be the best it can be.

The letter has come out this week which seeks nominations so do please give this some thought. The deadline for nominations is midday on Wednesday, 1st February. If you would like any further information you are welcome to speak to me or Mr Lamprell, or Liz Fisher our Chair of Governors, or Trish Simmons our Vice-Chair.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

### GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

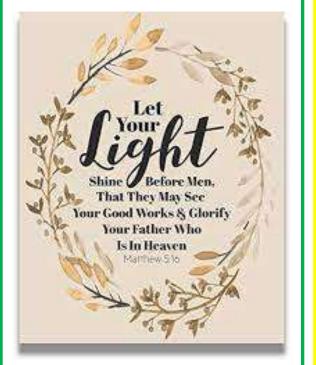
1<sup>st</sup> - Class 5 - 85 points 2<sup>nd</sup> - Class 3 - 81 points 3<sup>rd</sup> - Class 6 - 80 points



### HOUSE POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> - RAMSEY- 132 points 2<sup>nd</sup> - FISHER - 127 points 3<sup>rd</sup> - LANG - 125 points 4<sup>th</sup> TEMPLE - 117 points

## Thought for the Week



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

In our Collective Worship we learnt about Jesus' baptism.

Christians today, like they did in Bible times, believe that when they get baptised they become a new person, someone who has 'washed' away their old life and all the things that they have done wrong.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

We thought about if there is anything we would like to say sorry for, something we would like to wash away. Christians believe that God promises that when they say sorry, he will 'wash away' all the things they are sorry for.

### <u>Learner of the Week</u>

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

**Class R** – Our Learner of the Week in Turtles class is **Aleena**. She has persevered with her handwriting and is a positive member of Turtles class. Aleena has enjoyed learning about the Chinese New Year celebrations and making Chinese food with the playdough. Well done Aleena!



**Class 1** – **Thomas** is Starfish Learner of the Week. He was very enthusiastic when learning about 'Everyday Materials' and described their properties confidently, showing excellent understanding of their uses. Keep up the good work Thomas!

**Class 2** - Our Learner of the Week in Otters class is **Yonella**. She has tried her best with all her learning and has a positive attitude to school life. Yonella has produced some amazing work this week and has made all the adults so proud! Well done Yonella.

**Class 3** - **Anton** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins class. He is a kind and helpful member of our class and is polite and respectful of our school rules and Christian values. Anton is gaining more confidence in class and has wowed us in Maths. Well done Anton - we are all very proud of you!

**Class 4** - **Fernanda** is Penguins' Learner of the Week as she always demonstrates such a positive and enthusiastic attitude in school, with a smile on her face at all times. She is focussed and attentive in every lesson and is keen to do her best in every task. Well done Fernanda!

**Class 5** - Our Learner of the Week in Orcas class is **Denis**. He has shown great strength in his maths recently and has confidently answered all of the maths questions. He is soaring through fractions. We are all very proud of you Denis - well done!

**Class 6 - All of Year Six** are Seahorses Learner of the Week! They have worked so incredibly hard on their Mock SATS and Miss Loges, Mrs Smith and Mrs Wallis are very proud of them all! They have persevered and taken this week with smiles on their faces - we couldn't be more pleased with how they have tackled the challenges presented to them.

#### Go with the FLO...

Dover Library have a series of **FREE** Playground sessions taking place.

Parents and carers are often looking for new ways to engage and to be creative with their little ones and these sessions do exactly that.

The group sessions last for 45 minutes and are completely **free**. They are led by a brilliant team of artists who create an engaging, magical sensory journey for parents and carers to share with their babies.

Sessions are held every Monday at Dover Library:

- Babies o 18 months 10.30am
- Toddlers 18 36 months 1.00pm
  - Children 3 5 years 3.30pm

To help give you an idea of the sessions and learn more about Playground, take a look at their short video on YouTube:

youtu.be/XwPCOP9v\_Lo

For further information, and to book your place, please contact Dover Library directly on 03000 41 31 31.

#### Miss Hayley Lamb – Family Liaison Officer

#### Year 6 Learning this Week

Year 6 have been learning about QR codes in Computing this week.

We learnt that a QR code (Quick Response) is a type of barcode invented in 1994. Every QR code consists of a number of black squares and dots which represent certain pieces of information. Year 6 completed a QR code treasure hunt using the iPads in school. Each QR code they scanned gave a clue to location of the next clue. Year 6 absolutely loved hunting for the codes throughout the school, with locations including: under Miss Loges' desk and even the Executive Headteacher's office!

The week ahead..

Monday 23rd January:

<u>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</u>: Multi-Sports Club

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January:

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January: Inclusive Sports Club

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January: Year 3 Family Assembly - Collective Worship



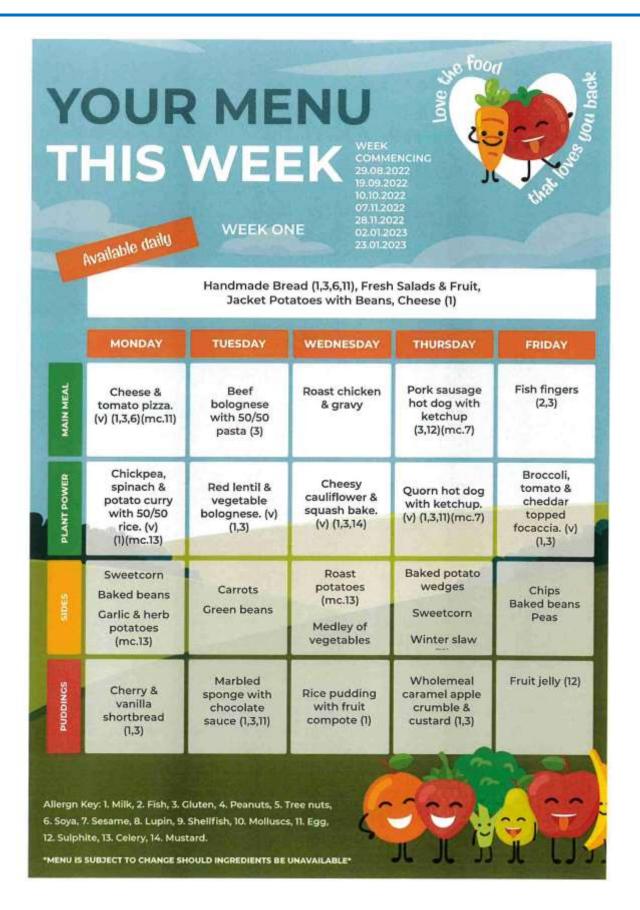


#### Lunch Menu — Week 1 Week beginning Monday 23rd January 2023

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

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

Or contact Principals Catering on o8oo o47 o319



#### **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 <u>https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/</u>

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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