

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023



## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Ms Comfort

### Industrial Action

Please see separate letter which details the impact on our school of the NEU Industrial Action planned for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.

### Class 3 Family Collective Worship

We were very pleased to welcome our Year 3 families into school today for our special family Collective Worship. The children in Class 3 produced a very informative presentation this morning based on their Geography topic: Europe. They wowed us with facts about the different European countries and shared greetings in many different languages. The children then sang a traditional Viking song! Well done Class 3, you were brilliant!

### Reading

As a school we have always worked hard to support all children with the most important skill of learning to read. I thank you for all that you do at home to help with this.

I asked Mrs Wallis, our English Subject Leader, to put together for the newsletter this week some updated information about reading at St Mary's CEP; please see separate article.

I can confirm that we will be celebrating World Book Day early in March and will be inviting children to work with you to choose a book character which they can come to school dressed as. A separate letter about this will be coming out next week.

Wishing you all a good weekend

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

## Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

In our worship this week we thought about what Christians believe about why Jesus came to earth. We learnt about the prophecies which foretold Jesus' coming and about the disciples and how Jesus gathered them together. We also thought about some of the miracles which are written about in the Bible, an example is the miraculous catch of fish in Luke 5: 1-11.

Christians believe that Jesus is the best person to follow as he gave an excellent example of how to live a good life. We wondered about what particular example of Jesus Christians might follow.

## Thought for the Week

Always end the day with a  
*Positive Thought.*  
No matter how hard things were,  
tomorrow is a fresh opportunity  
to make it better





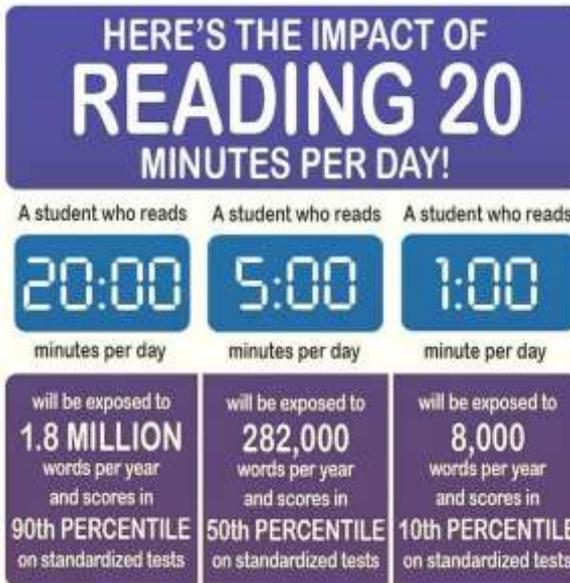
## Term 3 2023 Reading News

We have lots to celebrate and look forward to in regards to reading in 2023! The children in EYFS and KS1 are working hard to learn their phonic sounds and apply them when reading their new scheme reading books.

In December, we hosted our first 'Parents Reading Information' afternoon for our EYFS and KS1 parents. It was an opportunity for us to share our new scheme of books and the resources that can be accessed at home to help with reading. We are hosting a second afternoon session for anyone who missed it. It is being held on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 2pm**. Please contact the office if you would like to attend, refreshments provided!

In KS2 the children are battling between the classes to read the most books and win the weekly prize of 'Word Wizard' or 'Word Owl'. Last week, our Year 6 class created a new record of reading 95 books and completing 95 quizzes to answer questions about the books!

We are passionate about supporting you to help your children read at home. Did you know that reading at home can help your child significantly with their future academic success? Just look at the difference it can make reading for even 10 minutes a day.



**Just to confirm the home reading expectations that we have for our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 pupils:**

### EYFS and KS1



As well as their shared reading book, your child will also bring home a 'reading for pleasure' book that they have chosen from the class. This book can be read together or you can read it to your child to help develop a love of reading.

Both the shared reader and the reading for pleasure book will be sent home every **Friday**. Please return these books by the following **Wednesday** so that they can be replaced with the next books.

We ask that you read with your child for 5-10 minutes a day from Friday to Tuesday, recording what you have read in your child's purple reading record.



Please add the date and either a signature or a 'smiley face' every time you read.

### KS2

The Class teaching staff ensure that everyone has chosen a reading book, matched to their reading level, every **Friday**.

As the books differ in length, the children can return them to the 'returns' box on the lower floor of the school once they have completed them. They can then select their next book to read.

Their reading level is assessed at the end of every term and the results shared with the children.

We ask that the children read at home for a minimum of 5-10 minutes a day. Please record this reading in your child's purple reading record.

Please add the date and either a signature or a 'smiley face' every time your child has read.

We ask that the children have their books AND reading record in school every **Wednesday** so that the class staff can monitor their progress.





## Learner of the Week

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

**Class R** - Learner of the Week in Turtles class is **Tobias**. Tobias is a polite and caring member of our class and has come into school with a big smile this week. Well done Tobias!

**Class 1** - **Caitlin** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class. Caitlin has worked so hard with numbers to 20, comparing and ordering them. She is always on task, always trying her best and is a pleasure to teach. Believe in yourself Caitlin - you're a star!

**Class 2** - Our Learner of the Week in Otters' Class is **Yasmina** as she has tried her best with all her learning this week. She has used beautiful handwriting when publishing her story 'The Shark Who Wanted More'. Yasmina is a kind and polite member of Otters' Class who is always willing to help others. Keep up the good work Yasmina!

**Class 3** - **All of Puffins Class** are our Learners of the Week this week as they have all worked incredibly hard and persevered, even when they have found things a little bit daunting. They have all shown wonderful friendship by helping each other in all subjects. We are very proud of all of you - keep it up Puffins!

**Class 4** - Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is **Maria** as she has been an absolute star towards all of our learning. She tries her best with every task and has tackled factor pairs brilliantly. She has impressed us with her determination to complete writing tasks, whilst also helping and encouraging others. Well done Maria! We are very proud of you.

**Class 5** - **Katie** is our Learner of the Week in Orcas' Class as she always shows great commitment to her work, and comes into school every day with a 'can-do' attitude. She takes pride in her work and we are always impressed with her attitude towards her learning. Well done Katie!

**Class 6** - **Csaba** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class as he has tried very hard in lessons this week. We are reading Macbeth in English and Csaba acted out the part of one of the three witches very well and has created an amazing story map. Well done Csaba!

**Go with the FLO...**

Cost of Living  
**Struggling to pay  
your bills?**  
**Help is at hand**

Visit: [www.dover.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.dover.gov.uk/costofliving)



The cost of living is rising and having an impact on us all. If you are struggling to pay your bills, there is help at hand.

Click on the link below for information on where to go for additional support from Dover District Council (DDC), Kent County Council (KCC) and other partners:

[www.dover.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.dover.gov.uk/costofliving)

Miss Hayley Lamb – Family Liaison Officer



## The week ahead..

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January:

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January:

Multi-Sports Club

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February:

NEU Industrial Action

Classes 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 Closed

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February:

KS1 Parent Home Reading Information

Afternoon – 2pm

Inclusive Sports Club

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February:

NSPCC Number Day

## HOUSE POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – FISHER – 135 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – RAMSEY – 128 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – LANG – 121 points

4<sup>th</sup> – TEMPLE – 109 points



## GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – Class 4 – 107 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 6 – 96 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – Class 1 – 94 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.

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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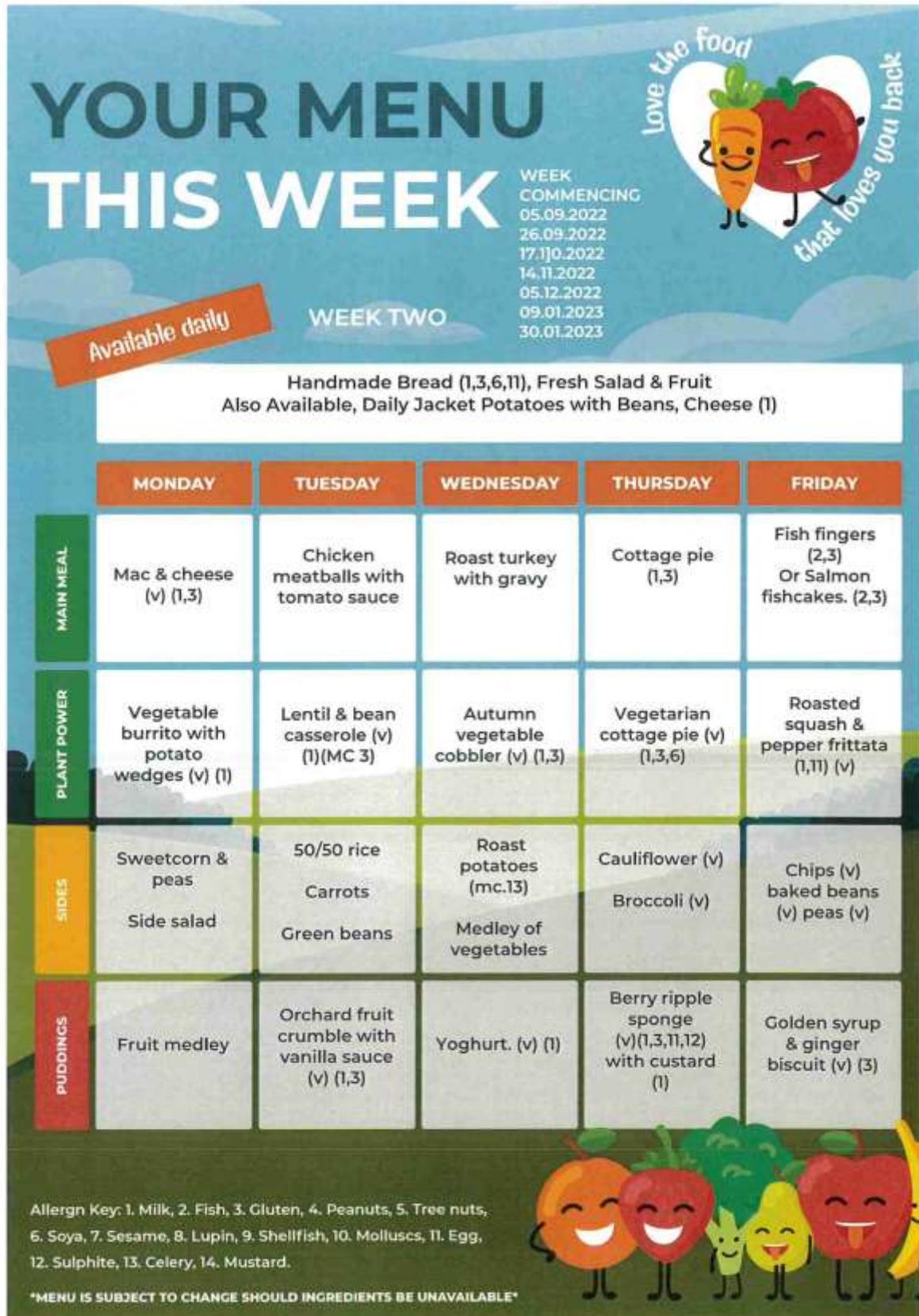
<https://twitter.com/stmarysdover>

Lunch Menu – Week 1  
 Week beginning Monday 23rd 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  
 05.09.2022  
 26.09.2022  
 17.10.2022  
 14.11.2022  
 05.12.2022  
 09.01.2023  
 30.01.2023

Available daily WEEK TWO

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\*