

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 3rd February 2023



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

Special Educational Needs (SEND) Provision at St Mary's CEP

Lisa McDonald who works for Kent Local Authority as a Specialist SENd Advisor, visited St Mary's CEP last Friday. She met with our SENCo, Claudia Marsh, and me. We talked about how we are working to meet the needs of all of the children at St Mary's and took Lisa on a tour to spend time in all classes. It was a very positive visit and I wanted to share with you all some of the highlights from her report:-

- There was a great sense of inclusion across the classrooms and all children were engaged in their learning
- The school is welcoming and the teachers & TAS were working in evident collaboration.
- Teachers are clearly committed to the classroom environment and have created some great learning opportunities.
- Children were proud of their work and happy to talk about what they were learning.
- There was a range of adapted activities taking place to allow all children to access learning regardless of their stage of development
- It was evident that the teaching team have a commitment to the school's inclusion development

We are working to develop our use of Information Technology to support our learners. Some of your children may be using Clicker on the laptop to help to support with writing activities, perhaps they can tell you about this? We are planning more staff training on this program and also looking to introduce another program which will help us to standardise images and words across all classes which we will use for labels and visual timetables – this will help all of our children to develop their early language skills.

Reading

Helping your child to become a good reader and to develop a love of reading is one of the most important jobs of being a parent. Good reading skills will help your child in all stages of their education and adult life.



Mrs Wallis ran another home reading session for our Reception and Key Stage 1 parents this week – thank you to those who came. Look out for the next date if you have not yet been, or want to come again. We are aiming for all families to attend at least one of the sessions so look forward to seeing you soon if we have not yet.

Governors met this week and shared what they had seen at school during recent visits to classes during reading and phonics lessons. Melissa Carter enjoyed joining Class 5 for their lesson on Beowulf and then Class 2 for their group reading session whilst Trish Simmons had a good time in Class 1 observing children learning about how to use their voice to show expression and emotion when reading aloud.

NSPCC Number Day

What a fun-filled 'mega maths' day; from 'human calculators' to 'Numicon necklaces', the children looked brilliant as they 'dressed up for digits'. The School Council led an informative Collective Worship this morning outlining the importance of the NSPCC and raising money for the charity. The children were engrossed in problem-solving and investigative activities in their Maths learning.

The families of St Mary's CEP have raised £91.00 for NSPCC - I thank you all for your kind donations.

Parent Governor

We did not receive any volunteers or nominations for our parent governor vacancy when we advertised recently so we will be trying again!

The paperwork we have to send out for this role is rather formal and can appear quite off-putting, please don't be put off by this! In a nutshell, school governors work with the leaders of the school to help run the school, this includes making decision about how to spend the budget, assisting with recruitment of staff, reviewing pupil outcomes and planning for continued school improvement.

There is lots of free training available to help governors to understand their role. Our governors are a really friendly bunch and always very welcoming to anyone who joins. Meetings are held six times a year – one per term, currently these are on Wednesdays starting at 4.30pm for about two hours.

Governors also spend time in school visiting classes and speaking to staff so that they can see the outcome of decisions made.

Please do have a think about this and don't hesitate to ask Mr Lamprell or me about this if you are interested; the letter asking for nominations will be coming out next week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher



Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

In our school Collective Worship this week we learnt about some of the Bible stories which show Jesus as a healer. In the story of the paralysed man in Luke 5: 17-26 Jesus says to the paralysed man; *"My friend, your sins are forgiven; get up and walk."*

We thought about the difference which Christians believe Jesus made to this man's life. In the story, the paralysed man's friends went the extra mile for him. They brought him to Jesus because they believed he could be healed. Without the help of his friends, the paralysed man would have stayed paralysed.

We thought about what kind of friend each of us are. We thought about what we would do for our friends if they needed our help. We wondered if we would go the extra mile to help them, like the friends in the Bible story. Perhaps you could have a think together at home about the type of friends you are and how you might be able to be even better ones.

Thought for the Week



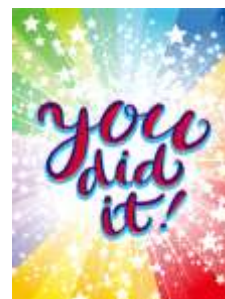
HOUSE POINTS

- 1st – **LANG** – 303 points
- 2nd – **TEMPLE** – 252 points
- 3rd – **FISHER** – 214 points
- 4th – **RAMSEY** – 212



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st – **Class 6** – 109 points
- 2nd – **Class 4** – 107 points
- 3rd – **Class R** – 94 points



Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Our Learner of the Week in Turtles class this week is **Ezra**. He has worked so hard and is a kind friend and super helper. Well done Ezra!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish class is **Taylor** as she is always respectful to her classmates and adults in school. Taylor is growing in confidence and it is great to see her with her hand up ready to share answers and ideas. Keep smiling Taylor – you are doing great!

Class 2 – Otters Learner of the Week is **Lenka**. Lenka has flourished in class this week and has worked hard in every lesson. She has produced work that she can be proud of. Lenka is a cheerful and helpful member of the Otters class who often puts a smile on our faces. Keep up the great work Lenka!

Class 3 – Puffins Learner of the Week is **Amaya** as she always has kind and comforting words for those around her. Amaya consistently works hard and to the best of her ability. She has flourished in her confidence and we have enjoyed listening to her read to the class and in Collective Worship. Well done Amaya!

Class 4 – **Rimas** is Penguins Learner of the Week as she always demonstrates such a positive and enthusiastic attitude in school. She is focussed and attentive in every lesson and is keen to do her best in all tasks. A wonderful attitude and a wonderful smile – well done Rimas!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas class is **Camden**. Camden has shown his superstar attitude in all areas and is a whizz with his maths. Keep it up Camden

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses class has applied top effort during learning time! They have listened carefully and tried their best answering tricky questions about ratio. They have shown good team work in Hockey – really getting stuck into the games! Keep up the hard work!

Go with the FLO...

DOVER REPAIR CAFE

NEED SOMETHING REPAIRED?
LET'S FIX IT TOGETHER

25 Jan / 22 Feb / 29 Mar

18:30–20:30

BIGGIN HALL, CT16 1BD

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Miss Hayley Lamb – Family Liaison Officer



Thursday, 9th February 2023

We are looking forward to seeing you all next week in school for our termly open afternoon.

Please collect your child(ren) as usual at the end of the day and then they can bring you into school to visit their classroom, see their workbooks and have a chat with the teacher.



The week ahead..

Monday 6th February:

Tuesday 7th February:
Multi-Sports Club

Wednesday 8th February:

Thursday 9th February:
Open Afternoon – 3.15pm
Inclusive Sports Club

Friday 10th February:
Last day of Term 3



ACTIBO Children's Event

Crazy Science Family Concert

With refreshments

Saturday 18th February 2023

3.30 – 5pm

Dover Baptist Church, Maison Dieu Road Dover CT16 1RG

To reserve tickets to avoid disappointment on the day:
Contact Carol on 01304 213470

Cost: £1 per person

THIS IS A FAMILY EVENT SO CHILDREN SHOULD ATTEND WITH AN ADULT

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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Lunch Menu – Week 3
Week beginning Monday 6th February 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

Or contact Principals Catering on 0800 047 0319



YOUR MENU THIS WEEK

Available daily

WEEK THREE

WEEK COMMENCING
 12.09.2022
 03.10.2022
 31.10.2022
 21.11.2022
 12.12.2022
 16.01.2023
 06.02.2023

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

