Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 10th February 2023

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance

A Message from Ms Comfort

Open Afternoon!

The staff were delighted to invite parents and carers into school for this term's Open Afternoon. I know that many of you attended enabling you to have the opportunity to see your child's learning environment, browse your child's work books and speak to the class teacher. This is always a lovely event with parents leaving feeling proud and happy. The children especially enjoy showing their parent/carer around the classroom!

As per recent communication, I apologise that Class 5 Open Afternoon had to be cancelled; a new date will be scheduled at the beginning of next term and communication will be sent out.

Outside Environment!

Many of you may have seen that over the past few weeks our outside learning areas have been re-developed – these areas include the decking near the 'Prayer Huts' (on both playgrounds) as well as the 'Fossil Area' (on the bottom playground). These improvements look smart and I know the children will enjoy using these areas again at the start of next term. Further developments will continue throughout the academic year as we always look to provide our children with a wonderful learning environment (inside and outside!).

Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS)

Information about Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) has circulated as Classes 3-6 have been accessing this in class. I also know that many children have logged on and accessed this at home. This brilliant 'timetables' learning platform enables children to improve their multiplication knowledge, including rapid-recall in a fun and interactive way.

Please speak to your child's class teacher (Class 3-6) or Mrs Fagg (Maths Lead) if you have any questions about this.

World Book Day!

We are excited to once again, celebrate World Book Day in March. World Book Day is a charity with an aim to: "change lives through a love of books and shared reading". The World Book Day charity offers every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own.

To celebrate World Book Day 2023, we will be completing the following activities during the day:

- **Dress up** as a favourite character from a book – if you are able to, bring in a donation (suggested £1.00) for the World Book Day charity.
- We will be hosting a '**Travelling Book Fair**' in the hall on Thursday 2nd March and Friday 3rd March (more details to follow)
- All children will complete a **costume parade** in the hall during the day to celebrate their amazing costumes!
- Classes will visit a different teacher during the day to engage in a '**Favourite Story Swap'** session.
- **'House Booknic'** – share a story with other children from their House Team - the children are invited to bring a favourite book from home or choose one from the classroom!

All classes have been set homework for the holiday today, to draw a design of their character costume – your child will be bringing a homework template sheet home with them today to complete this on. In the half term, have a think about who you may dress up as. What will you wear? What could you make to enhance your costume? Many thanks for your support with World Book Day.

Wishing you all a good half term holiday and looking forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 20th February.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship
at St Mary's CEP School

This week the children learnt about 'Sermon on the Mount'. Jesus spent a lot of time talking to those who followed him about God and his Kingdom. Many of his messages went against what society tells us – love those who hurt you; forgive people; help people who are in marginalised society.

I wonder why you think it's important to show forgiveness and reconciliation?

The children had a wonderful Celebration Collective Worship as they brought this term's celebrations to a close with many awards and positive messages shared!

HOUSE POINTS
Term Totals

1st – LANG – 960 points
2nd – FISHER – 847 points
3rd – TEMPLE – 845 points
4th – RAMSEY – 834 points

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 2 – 88 points
2nd – Class 4 – 85 points
3rd – Class 6 – 80 points

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Our Learner of the Week in Turtles class is **Noah**. Noah always works really hard in our phonics and reading sessions. He listens well and always tries his best. You are making great progress with your reading Noah – keep up the fantastic work!

Class 1 – **Harper** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish class. Harper has produced some really good writing about Emperor penguins this week, trying really hard to use her phonics to build some difficult words. Harper is a whizz with numbers and has worked accurately with number bonds and doubles. Well done Harper!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters' class is **Melinda** as she has been a superstar this week and produced some super work! Melinda is a kind, polite and cheerful member of the Otters' class, who is a good friend to her peers. She has wowed Miss Sayer, Miss Wrench and Mr Lamprell with her beautiful handwriting. We are very proud of you Melinda!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins class is **Ahmed** as he is a kind and helpful member of our class and always has a lovely smile for those around him. Ahmed tries very hard in all subjects and often dazzles us with his independence and speed in Maths! Well done Ahmed – we are very proud of you!

Class 4 – **Leo** is Penguins' Learner of the Week for the brilliant effort and attitude he has in class. He is always focussed and keen to succeed in every aspect of learning. He is also an asset to his team when playing a hockey match in PE, displaying all key skills as well as team work. Well done Leo – we are very proud of you!

Class 5 – This week **All of Year 5** are our Learners of the Week as they have worked tirelessly to complete this term's work and produced some fantastic pieces, which we are all so proud of. They have persevered with some tricky fraction work in maths and they all deserve a well rested half term break!

Class 6 – **Johnny** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses class. He has confidently contributed during every lesson this week and we are all very proud of him! Johnny comes into school with a spring in his step and a smile on his face. He is a pleasure to teach and makes us laugh each and every day. He applies 100% effort to everything he does. Keep up the hard work Johnny!

Thought for the Week

Term 4 2023

Monday 20th February:
First day of Term 4

Tuesday 21st February:
Multi-Sports Club
Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 22nd February:
Ash Wednesday

Thursday 23rd February:
Class 1 Trip
Inclusive Sports Club

Friday 24th February:

Go with the FLO…

I would like to wish you all a restful half term, enjoy the break, have fun together as a family and enjoy getting out in the fresh air. I look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 20th February, remember the gate opens at 8.40am and closes at 8.55am.

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 20th February 2023

£2.43 per day – All meals <u>must</u> 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

WEEK ONE

WEEK COMMENCING 20/02/2023 - 13/03/2023 -17/04/2023 - 08/05/2023- 05/06/2023 - 26/06/2023 – 17/07/2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Quorn in bbq sauce (egg, may contain gluten) (v)	Jacket potato day with sausage & bean casserole (gluten, soya, sulphites)	Herby roast chicken & gravy	Spaghetti bolognese (penne for dining centres) (gluten)	Fish fingers (fish, gluten)
PLANT POWER	Mexican veggie tostada (gluten, milk) (v)	Jacket potato day with rich cauliflower cheese (gluten, milk) (v)	Broccoli & red pepper pie (egg, gluten) (v)	Tomato, lentil & herb 50/50 pasta (gluten) (vg)	Bbq spiced vegetable 50/50 rice bake (may contain gluten) (vg)
SIDES	50/50 Rice, Broccoli	Sweetcorn	Skin on roasties, Cabbage & Carrots.	Peas.	Chips, Baked Beans.
PUDDINGS	Ginger biscuit (gluten) (v)	Fruity cornflake cake (gluten, sulphites) (vg)	Chocolate cake (egg, gluten) (v) with chocolate custard (milk) (v)	Fruit & forest berry crumble (gluten) (vg) & custard (milk) (v)	Yoghurt (milk) (v)

Available daily

Jacket potatoes with beans, cheese (milk), Fresh Fruit, Daily Salad, Handmade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg)