Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 24th February 2023

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance

A Message from Ms Comfort

Welcome to Term 4 – we are now well into the second half of this academic year!

Shrove Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday, also known as Pancake Day, is the day before Lent begins. Christians believe it is the day of celebration and feasting, which traditionally used up all the rich ingredients in the cupboard before the 40 days of fasting and preparation for Easter. The children explored the meaning of Shrove Tuesday and why it is an important date in the Christian calendar – the children were able to contribute effectively in Collective Worship. I wonder if you celebrated by making and eating some delicious pancakes?

NEU Strike Action Thursday 2nd March

There will be classes closed on this day – please see separate letter which gives detail.

World Book Day Friday 3rd March

Please note that we will celebrate World Book Day (WBD) on **Friday 3rd March** due to the NEU strike day on 2nd March. You have already received a letter about WBD but to remind you please see below:

- Dress up as your favourite character from a book – if you are able to, bring in a donation (suggested £1.00) for the World Book Day charity; children will complete a costume parade in the hall during the day to celebrate their amazing costumes.
- We will be hosting a 'Travelling Book Fair' in the hall on Thursday 2nd March and Friday 3rd March (more details to follow)
- All 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 your House Team - the children are invited to bring a favourite book from home or choose one from the classroom!
- Every child will be given a £1.00 World Book Day token. This token can be used to exchange for one of a range of World Book Day books – available in our local Tesco and WHSmith stores. You can also use the token for a £1.00 discount on any other book you would like to buy. Tokens need to be used by Sunday March 26th.

School Improvement Adviser Visit

Jenny Jones, our Local Authority Improvement Adviser, spent the morning in school on Tuesday. In her report she writes that she was impressed with the phonics teaching seen in Years 1 and 2 – the children were all well engaged with their learning, they were confident using their 'phoneme fingers' and are making good progress. She was complimentary about handwriting and presentation of work in all classes. Teaching Assistants were seen to be working well to support focus groups of children to be independent learners. Teacher subject knowledge was good and the learning environment is strong.

Class 1 Dover Castle Trip

As part of our education programme that we have with Dover Castle, it was Class 1's time to visit. The trip to Dover Castle had clear links with Class 1's curriculum learning and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all! It must also be noted that the children behaved exceptionally well; being super St Mary's CEP role models!

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

This week's focus was 'Lent' and the children enjoyed interesting Collective Worships, especially on Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) is a chance to use up food, to enable Christians to 'fast' and focus on prayer leading up to Easter. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. Christians believe that it is an opportunity for 'giving up' something and a way of saying sorry.

I wonder if you have given something up for Lent? The children made some excellent points throughout an engaging Collective Worship. As always, Friday's Celebration Collective Worship was full of positivity and praise - it was enjoyed by all!

Go with the FLO...

Dover Library - Children's Saturday Craft Club

Lots of super crafts activities for children aged 4 - 11 years
Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

When is it on?
The last Saturday of every month – 11:00am to 12:30pm

Where do I go?
Dover Library, Dover Discovery Centre, Market Square, Dover, CT16 1PH

How much does it cost?
Nothing - its FREE!

Is there parking available?
Car parks at Albany Place and Stembrook

Who do I contact?
Telephone - 03000 41 31 31
Email - doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk

Miss Hayley Lamb – Family Liaison Officer

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Marcela is Turtles Learner of the Week! She has settled into St Mary's really well and made lots of new friends. Marcela has tried her best every day and wowed us with some super counting and handwriting. Well done Marcela!

Class 1 – The Starfish Learner of the Week is **George** as he LOVES to help out around the classroom. George is very well organised and helps the grown-ups remember important things. George has taken the time and care to complete Mrs Wallis' holiday challenge for World Book Day. Well done George!

Class 2 – Delilah is our Learner of the Week in Otters' Class as she has worked hard in every lesson and produced some lovely work. Delilah comes to school with a smile on her face and a positive attitude at the start of every day. Keep up the great work Delilah!

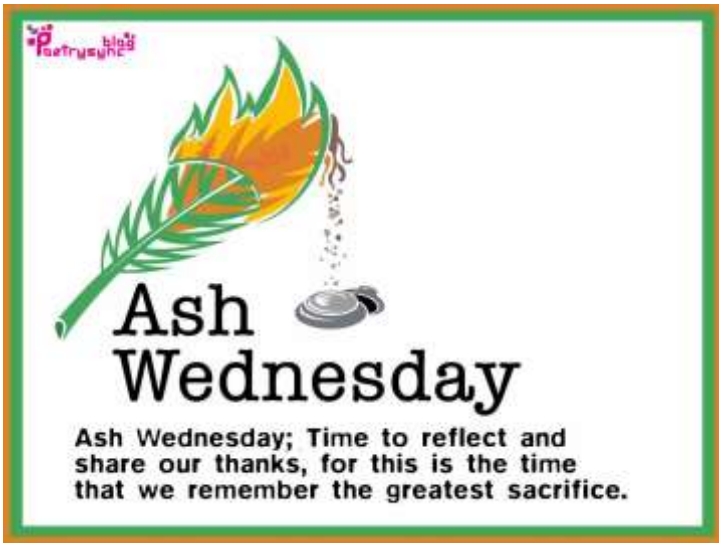
Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Nevaeh** as she is a role model to everyone. She consistently follows our school rules and Christian values. Nevaeh is a helpful member of our class and speaks confidently in front of the whole class about her interests, particularly in History. We are very proud of you Nevaeh – well done!

Class 4 – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins' class has returned to school with a wonderful attitude towards his learning and always tries his best! He has also proved to be a skilful basketball player as well as a creative potter! Well done – a brilliant week!

Class 5 – Katie is our Learner of the Week in Orcas' Class as she shows our Christian values every day! Katie tries her hardest in everything she does and treats those around her with respect and kindness. She is a joy to teach. Well done Katie – we are very proud of you!

Class 6 – Samir is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses' Class as he is a role model pupil and always demonstrates good behaviour, both inside and outside the classroom. Samir listens carefully in maths and is attentive with his problem solving, even able to support his peers. Keep up the hard work Samir!

Thought for the Week



Term 4 2023

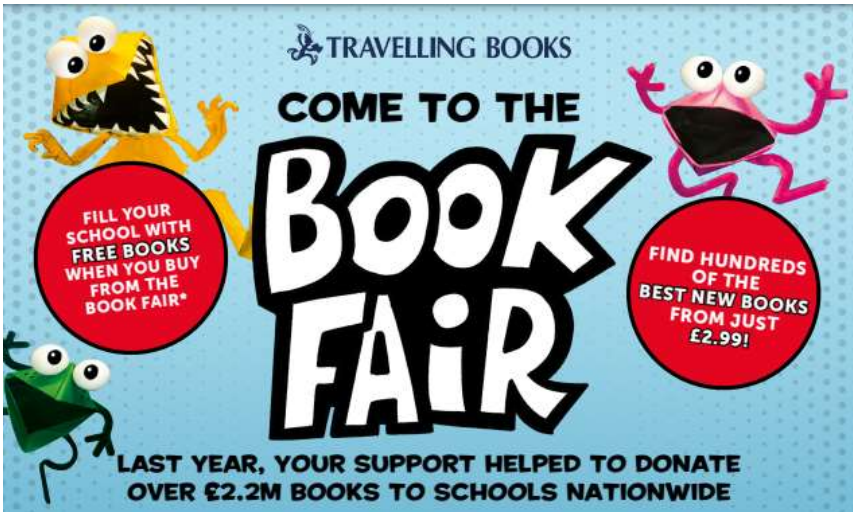
Monday 27th February:

Tuesday 28th February:
Multi-Sports Club

Wednesday 1st March:
Parent / Carer Consultation
Booking Available from 12noon

Thursday 2nd March:
NEU Industrial Action
Classes R, 1, 2, 3 & 6 Closed

Friday 3rd March:
World Book Day
Travelling Book Fair



World Book Day and the Travelling Book Fair

World Book Day will be celebrated in school on **Friday 3rd March.**

Thank you to everyone who completed their holiday homework task. I have heard and seen lots of exciting plans for costumes!

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we will be hosting a 'Travelling Books' fair in the school hall. The book fair will be open from 3.15pm to 4.00pm on Friday 3rd March and again on Monday 6th March.

There will be over 200 book titles available for you to browse and buy! Every purchase earns our school rewards, which can be used to exchange for free books for our classrooms and library.

I look forward to seeing you at the fair!

Mrs Wallis
Assistant Head of School

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 1 – 78 points
2nd – Class 4 – 71 points
3rd – Class 2 – 70 points

HOUSE POINTS

1st – LANG – 213 points
2nd – FISHER – 206 points
3rd – RAMSEY – 205 points
4th – TEMPLE – 180 points

Parent / Carer Consultations – Years R to 6

Tuesday 14th & Thursday 16th March 2023

Appointments for our Parent / Carer Consultations can be booked via ParentMail from

12 noon on Wednesday, 1st March

Lunch Menu – Week 2
Week beginning Monday 27th 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

WEEK TWO

WEEK COMMENCING 27/02/2023 – 20/03/2023 – 24/04/2023 – 15/05/2023 – 12/06/2023 – 03/07/2023

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Classic mac & cheese (gluten, milk) (v)	Chicken stir fry (gluten, soya)	Roast gammon & gravy	Beef burger in a bun (celery, gluten soya, sulphites, may contain sesame) with ketchup	Battered fish fillet (fish, gluten)
PLANT POWER	Sweet and spicy bean tagine with herby 50/50 rice (soya, may contain gluten) (vg)	Soft quorn taco (v) (egg, gluten, soya)	Red lentil, carrot & pea falafel loaf with gravy (v) (egg, gluten, soya)	Cheesy bean burger (gluten, milk, may contain sesame) (v) with ketchup	Roasted vegetable & cheddar tortilla toastie (gluten, milk) (v)
SIDES	Sweetcorn	50/50 rice Broccoli	Skin on roasties, Caulilfower & Carrots.	Wedges, Coleslaw.	Chips, Baked Beans.
PUDDINGS	Berry cookie (gluten) (vg)	Sticky upside down fruit sponge (egg, gluten) (v) & custard (milk) (v)	Chocolate mousse (milk) (v)	Fresh fruit salad (vg) OR Yoghurt (milk) (v)	Caramel apple flapjack (vg) (gluten)

Available daily

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

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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