

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 3rd March 2023



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

A fantastic World Book Day!

Huge thanks to families, children and staff for their efforts with World Book Day costumes this year. We have had a super day with lots of 'booktastic' activities going on around the school – hopefully your child(ren) can tell you all about what they have been doing!



Everyday is 'Book Day' at St Mary's CEP!

Building on our success with home reading in Reception and Classes 1 and 2, Mrs Wallis has today launched a 'Home Reading Competition' for all classes – see information elsewhere in this newsletter. Helping your child to develop a love of reading, and the ability to read, is one of the most important things families can do to support their child's learning and we thank you for your support with this.

Mrs Wallis will be running a reading information workshop for parent/carers of children in Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 on the afternoon of Monday 20th March – a letter with further details will be coming out. She will also repeat her EYFS/KS1 reading workshop on Tuesday 21st March at 2.15pm – again another letter will confirm the details. We hope to see many of you at these workshops.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

Thought for the Week



In Collective Worship this week we explored Bible passages which show how Jesus cared and provided. A very well-known story is Jesus feeding the 5000, it is written about in all four gospels - we looked at the story as recorded in Luke 9:10-17. You may know of it? Christians believe that Jesus performing a miracle shows not only that he is God, but that God is compassionate and caring. We thought about how we might bless our community by sharing our gifts and talents. Perhaps you could talk about this at home.

Home Reading Competition



The children across the school should read at home for a minimum of 5 – 10 minutes every day. We ask that parents or carers sign and date the purple reading record and return this to school every Wednesday. There is clear evidence that links how often a child reads to their academic success.



This term, as part of our on-going promotion of reading at home, we have launched an exciting competition. Every time your child's purple reading record is returned to school on a Wednesday, with a signature to confirm that they have read, they will receive a raffle ticket.

The raffle tickets will go into a prize draw for a special reading prize on the last day of this term. There will be a prize hamper for a child in classes R-2 and a prize hamper for a child in KS2. The more raffle tickets you earn, the more chance there is of winning!



Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – **Noah** is our Learner of the Week in Turtles class as he has wowed us with a super piece of writing, using his phonics knowledge to spell words! Well done Noah! We are all very proud of you!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish class is **Martin** as he has had a fantastic week in school. It has been great to see him making good choices with his learning, and he is also doing brilliantly with his phonics. Martin has been very determined to learn about numbers up to 50 in maths. Well done Martin!

Class 2 – **Tino** is our Learner of the Week in Otters' class as he has had a fantastic week! After Otters' class walked around the playground, Tino used some brilliant adjectives to describe his experience. Tino is a kind and happy member of the class and is always willing to help others. Well done Tino!

Class 3 – Learner of the Week in Puffins class is **Paignton** as the qualities to describe her are endless! She is a kind and trustworthy member of our class. She represents Puffins class with confidence and pride as a school councillor, and excels in all sports. Well done Paignton – another marvellous week!

Class 4 – **Riley W** is Penguins' Learner of the Week for the wonderful effort he has shown in class. He has impressed us greatly with his descriptive writing, writing from the perspective of the main character. Riley also has a wonderful attitude during P.E., showing great perseverance. Well done Riley! A brilliant week!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas' class is **Amelia** as she has shown great improvement in her English writing. Amelia is now able to proof-read her work independently and confidently. Well done Amelia!

Class 6 – **Ziah** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses class as he has worked very hard with his learning and we are all so proud of him! Ziah has worked hard with his group in science to prove that light travels in a straight line. Ziah listened to Miss Loges exceptionally well in history and created a poster about how the Second World War started! Keep up the hard work Ziah – we are all very proud!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st – **Class 4** – 105 points
- 2nd – **Class 5** – 80 points
- 3rd – **Class 6** – 70 points



HOUSE POINTS

- 1st – **TEMPLE** – 149 points
- 2nd – **RAMSEY** – 125 points
- 3rd – **LANG** – 115 points
- 4th – **FISHER** – 111 points

Go with the FLO...

The Friends of Sandwich Infant School are running a Nearly New Sale on Saturday, 11th March, and will be selling affordable new and nearly new baby and children's clothing and shoes, equipment, buggies and car seats, maternity wear, books and toys.

Miss Hayley Lamb – Family Liaison Officer



World Book Day and the Travelling Book Fair

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

Term 4 2023

Monday 6th March:

Tuesday 7th March:
Multi-Sports Club

Wednesday 8th March:

Thursday 9th March:
Class 6 Trip
Inclusive Sports Club

Friday 10th March:
Class 1 Family Collective Worship



Lunch Menu – Week 3 Week beginning Monday 6th March 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

WEEK THREE		WEEK COMMENCING				
		06/03/2023 – 27/03/2023 – 01/05/2023 – 22/05/2023 – 19/06/2023 – 10/07/2023				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
YOUR MENU THIS WEEK	MAIN MEAL	Double cheese pizza (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) (v)	Beefy pasta bake (gluten, milk)	Chicken tikka masala (may contain gluten)	Sausage plait with gravy (egg, gluten, sulphites)	Fish Fingers (fish, gluten) Or Salmon Fishcakes (fish, gluten)
	PLANT POWER	Vegan sausage with bbq beans (gluten) (vg)	Crispy crumb topped spring vegetable 50/50 pasta bake milk (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) (v)	Cauliflower and lentil curry (may contain gluten) (vg)	Sweet potato and butterbean cake with fresh tomato sauce (may contain gluten) (vg)	Roasted pepper calzone wholemeal pizza (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) (v)
	SIDES	Baked New Potatoes, Baked Beans, Coleslaw	Sweetcorn	50/50 Rice, Broccoli	Zero waste roasties, Peas	Chips, Baked Beans
	PUDDINGS	Shortbread biscuit (gluten) (v)	Chocolate & pear drizzle pudding (egg, gluten) (v)	Steamed zesty lemon cake (egg, gluten) (v) & custard (milk)	Yoghurt (milk) (v)	School cake (egg, gluten) (v)
	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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