

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 10th March 2023



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

Brrr! A wet and cold week – it doesn't feel very spring like at the moment but at least we do not have snow!

Class 6 Dover Castle Trip

The children and staff in Class 6 were not deterred by the weather on Thursday and put their best foot forward as they made their way up to the castle. Once there, they ventured down into the WW2 underground hospital where they experienced what it would have been like for wounded soldiers to be treated in the grounds of Dover Castle! The children then took a tour of the Great Tower, asking lots of insightful questions to the staff. Everyone learnt a great deal about Dover and The Second World War. Once again, thank you to the children for their exemplary conduct throughout the day.



Class 6 Leaver Hoodies

We are currently taking orders from our current Year 6 class for their end of year hoodie. If you are a year 6 parent and have not yet ordered please contact the school office.

We are pleased for the children to have these and to wear them throughout Term 6 – an important rite of passage as they leave St Mary's CEP.

Parent/Carer Consultations Tuesday 14th and Thursday 23rd March

Have you signed up for your appointment to meet with the class teacher? We expect all parent/carers to attend this important meeting and I know how much the children appreciate their families coming into school, looking at their workbooks and speaking with their teacher. Meetings will be held in the school hall.

National Education Union Strike Action 15th and 16th March

There will be class closures again on these strike days – please see separate letter for information.

Staff News

Mrs Claudia Marsh, SENCo, will be moving on from St Mary's CEP at the end of this term. I thank her for her work with families, children and staff and wish her well in her new venture. We are currently recruiting to the role of SENCo; I will update you further when this work is completed.

Easter Egg Hunt

If you would like to join us for our Easter Egg Hunt on the last day of term, tickets are on sale until Friday 17th March. Please collect a letter from the office, complete and return the slip stating how many tickets you would like, along with a cash payment in a named envelope for the total amount of tickets you require.

Ms Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

Thought for the Week



Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

This week the children explored how Christians follow Jesus' example.

Children discussed the parable of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-7) and wondered by it is important to give people time. In addition, we discussed the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation.

On many occasions, Christians believed that Jesus focused on those who were unpopular and overlooked. I wonder how we say sorry and wonder how we show that we are truly sorry (not just words or gestures, but actions).

The week was ended with a fantastic Family Collective Worship led by Class 1 - they presented their learning in a fun and engaging way - well done!

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Jesse is Turtles Learner of the Week as he has worked hard on making the right choices and has shown a positive attitude towards all areas of his learning. Jesse also wrote his own instructions on how to plant a bean! Well done Jesse!

Class 1 - Our Learner of the Week in Starfish class is **Eric** as he is a cheerful member of the class who shows a keen interest in all of our learning. Eric has shown a positive attitude when tackling the tricky book we have been reading this week. Well done Eric - keep up the good work

Class 2 - Vivien is our Learner of the Week in Otters class as she has tried her best with all her learning this week. She has amazed Miss Sayer and Miss Wrench with her maths skills, and used drawings to help her reach the correct answer. Keep up the good work Vivien!

Class 3 - Our Learner of the Week in Puffins class is **Aiden** as he has flourished tremendously throughout all the terms in Year 3! Aiden enjoys multiplication speed challenges and always competes fairly against his class mates. We are so proud of you Aiden!

Class 4 - Ayden is Penguins' Learner of the Week as he has been an absolute star. He has settled into St Mary's CEP brilliantly and has a wonderful attitude towards his learning. Ayden has shown excellent basketball skills and team work during our PE lessons. Well done Ayden! A brilliant week.

Class 5 - Orcas Learner of the Week is **Marharyta** as she has settled in to St Mary's CEP really well. She has a 'can do' attitude and has made lots of friends. Marharyta's artistic skills are A-M-A-Z-I-N-G! We are so proud of you Marharyta!

Class 6 - All of Class Six are our Learners of the Week! They had a wonderful time at Dover Castle yesterday and impressed Miss Loges and Mrs Wallis with their amazing behaviour - they represented the school very well! Well done Class Six - we are all so proud of you!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - Class 4 - 85 points**
- 2nd - Class 1 - 80 points**
- 3rd - Class R - 66 points**



HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - RAMSEY - 191 points**
- 2nd - FISHER - 172 points**
- 3rd - LANG - 145 points**
- 4th - TEMPLE - 137 points**

... for mother-church, mothers everywhere,
for our mothers and for those who have been like mothers to us...

Dear St Mary's School – children & parents

You are cordially invited to our

**Mothering Sunday Service with Children's Church & Bellringers
and afterwards Traditional Cream Tea refreshments**

You are welcome to bring a picture/photo of your mother for during the service
– we will take a photograph of all the pictures of mothers together – you can then take your own picture home with you.

At St Mary-the-Virgin's Church Dover - Cannon Street CT16 1BY

On Sunday 19 March 2023 at 10.45am



Doors open at 10.30am, Service is 10.45am-12noon- refreshments afterwards
Free parking available in Stembrook Car Park.

Please kindly RSVP doverttm@outlook.com
Enquiries 07709 618063

Term 4 2023

Monday 13th March:

Tuesday 14th March:
Parent / Carer Consultations
Multi-Sports Club

Wednesday 15th March:
NEU Industrial Action
Classes R, 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 Closed

Thursday 16th March:
NEU Industrial Action
Classes R, 1, 2, 3, 5 & 6 Closed

Friday 17th March:
RED NOSE DAY

Go with the FLO...

Everyday Mental Health Training

FREE, one-hour training session designed to
build your knowledge and your confidence.

'Everyday Mental Health' is a new, one-hour training session
which focuses on stress, anxiety, self-care and the ways in
which we can support others – providing a dedicated space
and time where people can build their knowledge and also
reflect on how the current climate may be having a
detrimental impact on mental health.

**Sessions are available free of charge – with a limited
number of spaces available on each session.**

This is a great course for families and parents/carers who may
benefit from learning more about how they can have
conversations about mental health. It's also a great
opportunity to give them advice around how they can cope
with their mental health – something which is important given
the challenges many of us face currently as a result of the cost-
of-living crisis.

The next dates are on the 14th of March and the 20th of March
– linked below.

[https://www.maidstonemind.org/everyday-mental-
health-training-14th-march/](https://www.maidstonemind.org/everyday-mental-health-training-14th-march/)

[https://www.maidstonemind.org/everyday-mental-
health-training-20th-march/](https://www.maidstonemind.org/everyday-mental-health-training-20th-march/)

Miss Hayley Lamb – Family Liaison Officer



Lunch Menu – Week 1 Week beginning Monday 13th 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

YOUR MENU THIS WEEK		WEEK ONE	WEEK COMMENCING				
			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)				

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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