

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023



## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Ms Comfort

### Staff News

I am very pleased to tell you that we have appointed both a new Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) and a Family Liaison Officer (FLO). We are just going through the necessary checks and seeking references whilst these new appointees work notice at their current jobs. I will let you know as soon as I am able to who they are and when they will be starting with us.

In the meantime Mr Lamprell, Mrs Wallis and I are covering the work of the SENCo and the FLO. In addition Mrs Kirsty Lavender, who is the SENCo at our partner school St Margaret's at Cliffe CP, is going to be working at St Mary's CEP on Fridays undertaking work to support provision for the needs of our pupils with SEN.

Please don't hesitate to make contact with a member of the Senior Leadership Team or class staff if you need any support with SEN or matters which our FLO helps with.

### Statutory Assessment

During the months of May and June some of our classes take part in statutory assessment the results of which we will share with you when you receive your child's end of year report.

### Phonics Screen

Children in Year 1 will take part in a phonics reading test during the week Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. This is a 1:1 reading assessment where they will sit with a member of staff and read some words from a booklet. They are used to the format. Some children in Year 2 will also take this assessment.

### End of Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)

Children in Year 2 will be undertaking assessments (SATs) in reading, writing and mathematics during the month of May.

The children will each take two reading tests, two maths tests and a test in spelling, punctuation and grammar. These tests will be undertaken in small groups with the class teacher. Each of these assessments lasts for approximately 15 – 35 minutes and the children will take just one each day. Results will be sent out with your child's end of year report.

### End of Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6)

Children in Year 6 take their statutory assessments (SATs) on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> May. These will be undertaken in class or in a breakout room with a support member of staff.

The children sit papers in spelling, punctuation and grammar, reading and mathematics.

There is very limited flexibility around the timetable, please therefore ensure that your child is at school every day during this important week, unless they are too unwell to attend school.

### **Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run**

We were delighted to invite guests from The Peace Run into school on Wednesday where we had an inspirational and spiritual Collective Worship. The runners engaged the children in a number of activities, which included signing and translation games. Our guests explained the importance of 'The Run' and why peace is so important. Many of our children 'wowed' our guests by explaining what peace meant to them (as well as translating in their first language). Moreover, the children sung beautifully and even had the opportunity to make a wish and hold the famous 'Peace Torch'. Wednesday meant a lot to St Mary's CEP due to it being a high-profile event and linking to one of our school's Christian values - Peace.

Sri Chinmoy Oneness-Home Peace Run is an international torch relay for peace. It is the world's largest and longest running relay having visited 160 nations since its inception in 1987.

The Torch visited Dover on the morning of Wednesday, 26th April - continuing on to London, Oxford, Bristol, Snowdonia, Cardiff, Swansea, Dublin, Belfast, Glasgow, Edinburgh and Leeds!

The core message is that peace begins inside the heart of each individual, and that we all belong to one human family.

***More info: <https://www.peacerun.org/gb/>***

We were overwhelmed with the positive feedback received from our guests, as well as how proudly the children and staff spoke about the event.

After spending the morning with us, the runners attended a ceremony on the sea front to unveil a statue of Sri Chinmoy – 'The Dover Peace Statue'. Perhaps you could have a look for it and hold the torch as invited by the plaque? If you do we would love to see a photograph!



### **Next Week**

Please note that Monday is a bank holiday so there is no school and Tuesday is a NEU strike day so Classes R, 1, 2, 3 and 6 are **closed** and children are not to attend school for that reason.

### **Attendance at School**

Please do all that you can to make sure that your child attends school as much as is possible. With classes closed on extra bank holidays and strike days – which are no fault of you or your children – it is even more important that children attend on the days that school is open. Children should only be absent from school if they are unwell.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

**Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

### HOUSE POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> - **TEMPLE** - 294 points

2<sup>nd</sup> - **LANG** - 266 points

3<sup>rd</sup> - **RAMSEY** - 232 points

4<sup>th</sup> - **FISHER** - 225 points



### GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> - **Class 4** - 106 points

2<sup>nd</sup> - **Class 2** - 80 points

3<sup>rd</sup> - **Class R** - 79 points



## Coronation-themed Day Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023



On Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, we will be holding a coronation-themed day in light of the celebration of King Charles III's coronation, which will be taking place on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May.

Children will be invited to come to school dressed up as Kings, Queens, Princes or Princesses. Please note that if children do not want to dress up in the theme above, they should come to school in their school uniform.

During the day, children will participate in themed activities and a special Collective Worship. Classes will also be having tea parties and children are invited to bring in a small plate of party food and snacks. Please note that lunch time arrangements will be as normal.

### Learner of the Week

**Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:**

**Class R** - Our Learner of the Week in Turtles Class is **Tobias**. He has wowed us this week with his super reading and writing in SFA! Keep up the good work Tobias!

**Class 1** - **Jerusha** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as she is making big steps forwards in all areas. Jerusha has impressed us in English with her story mapping and writing about some of her favourite nursery rhymes. Well done - we are so proud of you!

**Class 2** - Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Jayden**! Jayden has worked hard on fractions and how show great perseverance in trying new things. He is consistently kind and helpful to those around him. Well done Jayden - we are very proud of you!

**Class 3** - Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Vojtech** as he is a kind, thoughtful and helpful member of our class. He always has kind words about his friends, and always comes in with a smile for those around him. Vojtech has amazed us with his effort in Maths and writing this week. Well done Vojtech - we are very proud of you!

**Class 4** - Our Learner of the Week in Penguins' class has demonstrated such a positive and enthusiastic attitude in school. They are focussed and attentive in every lesson, and are keen to do their best in every task. Well done!

**Class 5** - Learner of the Week in Orca's Class is **Pasha-Mai** as she has shown great initiative in her maths work! Pasha-Mai happily and proudly told Miss Link that she had completed all her work, and has a great attitude towards her learning! Well done Pasha-Mai!

**Class 6** - Max is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class as he is trying hard in every subject. Max is producing work he should be very proud of! He is always ready to learn, and is a very helpful and kind friend to everyone in the class. Keep up the hard work Max!







## Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

In Collective Worship this week, we have been reflecting on our school value of 'Peace'. The children looked at different symbols of peace, including the dove and olive branch. Doves are mentioned many times in the Bible. Noah sent out a dove and it returned with an olive branch (a sign of dry land nearby). As such, a dove came to represent peace. I wonder how you show peace throughout your daily lives?

### Thought for the Week

There will be a time when this world will be flooded with peace.

Who will bring about this radical change?

It will be you.

You and your sisters and brothers.

You and your oneness-heart will spread peace throughout the length and breadth of the world.



*Sri-Chimnoy*



### Term 5 2023

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May:

**Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:

**Industrial Action – Classes R, 1, 2, 3  
& 6 CLOSED  
Athletics Club**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May:

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May:  
**Class R Trip**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May:  
**Coronation Themed  
Day**



### 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 1<sup>st</sup> May 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](http://www.principals-catering.com)

Or contact Principals Catering on 0800 047 0319

YOUR MENUS WEEK 1-3					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1					
MAIN MEAL	Italian style beef & pasta bake (gluten, milk)	Chicken korma (milk)	Roasted chicken & gravy	Beef burger in a bun (celery, gluten, soya, sulphites, may contain sesame)	Battered fish (fish, gluten)
PLANT POWER	Hidden vegetable ragu pasta bake (v) (gluten, milk)	Chickpea & cauliflower korma (v) (milk, may contain gluten)	Falafel loaf with gravy (v) (egg, gluten, milk, soya)	Vegetable & bean burger in a bun (vg) (gluten, may contain sesame)	Veggie frittata (v) (egg, milk)
SIDES	Garden peas & our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Broccoli & 50/50 rice, our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Skin on roast potatoes, medley of vegetables, our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Sweetcorn & our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Chips, baked beans & our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)
PUDDINGS	Fruity flapjack (v) (gluten) or fresh fruit	Berry cookie (v) (gluten) or fresh fruit	Yoghurt & fruit (v) (milk) or fresh fruit	Strawberry and vanilla mousse (v) (milk) or fresh fruit	Fruit jelly (v) or fresh fruit
WEEK 2					
MAIN MEAL	Classic pepperoni pizza (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg)	Rich beef bolognese (gluten)	Roasted gammon & gravy	Taste of Asia - stir fried chicken noodles with sweet chilli (eggs, gluten)	Breaded chicken goujons (gluten or salmon fishcake (fish, gluten)
PLANT POWER	Cheese & tomato pizza (v) (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg)	Red pepper & vegetable bolognese (vg) (gluten)	Vegan sausage & gravy (vg) (soya)	Taste of Asia - stir fried veggie noodles with sweet chilli sauce (v) (egg, gluten, soya)	Vegetable fingers, cheese and bean wrap (v) (gluten, milk)
SIDES	Chef's coleslaw (egg), our salad selection, garlic bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Sweetcorn & our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Zero waste roast potatoes & medley of vegetables, our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Green beans, carrots, broccoli, our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Chips, baked beans, our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)
PUDDINGS	Carrot & ginger biscuit (v) (gluten) or fresh fruit	Wholemeal orchard fruit crumble (v) (gluten) with vanilla sauce (v) (milk) or fresh fruit	Yoghurt & fruit (v) (milk) or fresh fruit	Taste of Asia - plum steamed pudding (v) (egg, gluten) with custard (v) (milk) or fresh fruit	Mousse (v) (milk) or fresh fruit
WEEK 3					
MAIN MEAL	Cheese & tomato pizza with half a jacket potato (v) (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Traditional beef lasagne (milk, gluten, may contain egg)	Herby roast chicken & gravy	Sausage meat plait (egg, gluten, sulphites) with gravy	Fish fingers (fish, gluten)
PLANT POWER	Bean chilli with 50/50 rice (vg) (may contain gluten)	Mediterranean vegetable lasagne (v) (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Baked sweet potato with Mexican veg (vg) (may contain gluten)	Veggie slice with gravy (v) (egg, gluten, milk)	Vegan sausage (vg) (soya)
SIDES	Garden peas & our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Broccoli & our salad selection, garlic bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Zero waste roast potatoes, roasted parsnips & carrots, our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Potato wedges, sweetcorn & our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)	Chips, baked beans, our salad selection, handmade bread (milk, gluten, soya, may contain egg)
PUDDINGS	Peaches & yoghurt (v) (milk) or fresh fruit	School cake (v) (egg, gluten) or fresh fruit	Strawberry and Vanilla mousse (v) (milk) or fresh fruit	Krispie cake (v) (gluten) or fresh fruit	Steamed lemon sponge (v) (egg, gluten) with custard (v) (milk) or fresh fruit
AVAILABLE DAILY	Jacket potatoes with beans, cheese (milk)				

