

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 23rd June 2023



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

Sports Day 2023

I hope you agree that we had two fantastic sports days this week. Beautiful sunny afternoons on the school field with staff, children and families; thank you for supporting us with these annual events. Thank you also to the staff and children for their enthusiastic participation!



Class 6 Trip to Dover Museum

Year Six travelled back in time to experience what Dover was like during different time periods, becoming real life historians! They explored Dover Museum, making notes and taking photographs of the artefacts so they could be studied and analysed back at school.



We had a great time exploring how our local town has changed over hundreds of years!



Class 4 Trip to Connaught Park

The children and staff in Class 4 walked to Connaught Park on Tuesday. Their departure from school was a bit delayed by the torrential rain however they waited patiently and the sun soon came out! The children had a brilliant time pond-dipping – they found tadpoles, which they enjoyed looking at before carefully returning to their habitat.



Class 3 Trip to Dover Pier

Class 3 had a delightful day out on their visit on Dover Seafront. Children paid their respect to the statue of Sri Chinmoy unveiled by the Peace Run Oneness runners in April this year.

Class 3 were honoured to carry the peace torch as part of the event carried out at St Mary's CEP School on Wednesday 19th April. Inspired by the meaning of the word 'peace', children completed some fun creative activities and also enjoyed a calm and reflective walk on the pier.



Class 5 Support with Secondary Transfer

Mr Lamprell and Mrs Wallis have undertaken telephone consultations with our Year 5 families this week to support them as they make their decisions about whether they wish their child to take the Kent Test in September. The deadline for Year 5 parents to **apply for the Kent Test is midnight on Monday, 3rd July 2023.** The deadline to register for the Dover Entry test is Friday, 7th July 2023.

Governors

Have you thought about becoming a parent governor; if you are interested in this role we would love to hear from you – catch a member of staff at the gate or contact the school office.

NEU Strike Action 5th and 7th July 2023

The NEU have planned further strike days – I am in the process of gathering information from the teaching staff and hope to be able to advise parent/carers early next week about any class closures.

As always, wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the Week



Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

For the next few weeks, we will be looking at some of the advice that St Paul gave to the first followers of Jesus in the early churches around the Mediterranean in the letters which he wrote to them and which are part of the New Testament.

This week we looked at what St Paul wrote to the community of Christians at Corinth. Paul wrote his letters to the early churches when he could not be with them, usually because he had heard that there was a problem and he wanted to help/make sure that they understood how they should be living out the good news of Jesus.

'Now you are the body of Christ and each one of you is a part of it' (I Corinthians 12:27) we wondered why someone would write this in a letter and thought about what might have happened which meant that people needed to be encouraged to act together like different parts of the same body. We also considered whether something might have gone wrong in the community at Corinth.

2023 / 2024 Term Dates

Please also note inset days detailed below

Term 1

Friday 1st September to Friday 20th October 2023

Inset Days

Friday 1st September & Monday 4th September 2023

Term 2

Monday 30th October to Friday 15th December 2023

Inset Day

Monday 30th October 2023

Term 3

Tuesday 2nd January to Friday 9th February 2024

Inset Day

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Term 4

Monday 19th February to Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 5

Monday 15th April to Friday 24th May 2024

Inset Day

Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6

Monday 3rd June to Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Term 6 2023

Monday 26th June:

Class 6 Activities Week

KS1 Parent Home Reading

Information Afternoon – 2:30pm

Tuesday 27th June:

Class 6 Trip

KS2 Parent Home Reading

Information Afternoon – 2:30pm

Athletics Club

Wednesday 28th June:

Thursday 29th June:

Class 6 Trip

Summer Multi-Sports Club

Friday 30th June:

Go with the Flo...

mind South Kent in Dover

Parents & Carers Group

We recognise that juggling family life often means that as a parent or carer your personal wellbeing can take second place.

If the challenges of childcare are adding to your stresses and impacting your mental health, come and relax & recharge with us for an hour

mind South Kent in Dover

Parents & Carers Group

Thursdays starting 29 June, 11:30am-12:30pm

The Hub, The Charlton Centre, 41 High Street, Dover, CT16 1TT

Contact us to find out more

01303 250090 contact@southkentmind.org.uk
southkentmind.org.uk

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

KCC BIG FREE BUS WEEKEND

As part of their Bus Service Improvement Plan, KCC are offering free bus travel on all bus services running in Kent and Medway on the 24th and 25th June.

This is just one of their initiatives to encourage use of the bus.

So why not leave the car at home, hop on the bus and visit some of the many sites and attractions across Kent and Medway, or just visit friends and family. All routes on local bus services within Kent and Medway will be free to travel on from the first bus in the morning until 8pm on both the Saturday and Sunday.

There is no need for a ticket, just turn up and hop on!



HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **RAMSEY** - 317 points
2nd - **TEMPLE** - 261 points
3rd - **LANG** - 260 points
4th - **FISHER** - 236 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **Class R** - 142 points
2nd - **Class 5** - 121 points
3rd - **Class 3** - 115 points

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Yadah is Turtles Learner of the Week and she always tries her best in all areas of her learning and never gives up! Yadah is a kind and helpful member of our class and always demonstrates our school Christian values. Well done Yadah!

Class 1 - Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is Zala as she is very hard working and always impresses us in the spelling and reading lessons. Zala participated very enthusiastically in Sports Day, showing a positive attitude in all the activities. Well done Zala!

Class 2 - Sapphire-Rose is our Learner of the Week in Otters Class as she has had a brilliant week! Sapphire-Rose showed determination during Sports Day and loved competing in the running races. She is a fantastic friend to her peers and is always kind and considerate. Keep up the great work Sapphire-Rose!

Class 3 - All of Puffins Class are our Learners of the Week as they have continued to develop their independence, maturity and confidence. They all tried their very best in the recent maths assessment, and impressed our Sports Coach, Dale, with their listening skills in preparation for Sports Day. Well done Puffins - we are so proud of you all!

Class 4 - Dolly-Ann is Penguins' Learner of the Week as she is always a fantastic role model for all of her peers; she is such a positive and smiley member of the class. Dolly-Ann impressed us all with her determination and efforts during Sports Day. Well done Dolly-Ann - we are very proud of you!

Class 5 - Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is Pasha-Mai as she does her best in all her learning, and impresses us all. Pasha-Mai has a lovely smile that brightens the room. Well done Pasha-Mai! We are all very proud of you!

Class 6 - Nikola and Vanesa are our Learners of the Week in Seahorses Class! The girls have only recently joined St Mary's and have been superstars since day one! They have worked so hard in all of their learning, even when they have found it challenging. They are both valued members of our class and we so proud of them. Well done Nikola and Vanesa!



**KEEP
CALM
AND
CARRY
ON BEING BRILLIANT**



School Uniform Orders

Please be aware that the last day to order
St Mary's CEP school uniform is

Saturday 12th August

To place your order online, please visit:

www.pmgwchoolwear.co.uk

Quote code **STMDFC** for FREE delivery

Kent Test

For children starting secondary school in September 2024

If your child is currently in Year 5, and you intend to apply to a Kent Grammar school, register online at kent.gov.uk/kenttest

Registration opens on 1 June 2023 and closes at midnight on 3 July 2023

Who is the Kent Test for?

The Kent Test is for children who wish to apply for a Kent Grammar school place for September 2024 and are either resident in the UK or are the children of UK Service Personnel / other Crown Servants returning to the UK. A list of Kent Grammar schools can be found [here](#). Schools in Medway, Bexley and Bromley are outside the Kent Local Authority area. If you live outside Kent, please consider carefully before registering whether your child can attend the testing session in Kent, and how they would travel to school if they were offered a school place in Kent.

How do I register for the Kent Test?

Go to kent.gov.uk/kenttest and create an online account for yourself as parent/guardian. Add your child's details to your account to start the registration process. When you have completed and submitted your registration you should get a confirmation email. If you do not, the registration may not have been completed correctly. (Tip: Please check your junk/spam folder for the email before contacting us!)

What if my child has access requirements?

If your child has a disability or SEN which will affect their access to testing, you should discuss this with their primary school before registering them, as the school will need to apply for any necessary access arrangements.

What happens after I register?

If your child attends a school outside Kent, we will email you details of their test centre by the end of August. Let us know if after registration you move house, change your email address or your child changes primary school. Otherwise, their test papers may go to the wrong place, or you may not get their results.

How do I apply for a Kent Grammar school?

You apply by naming the school as a preference on your Local Authority's secondary application form.

If my child is assessed suitable for grammar school by the Kent Test, will I automatically be offered a grammar school place?

No, a Kent Grammar school assessment does not guarantee your child a place in a Kent Grammar school. Grammar schools are often oversubscribed, meaning more children apply than the school has room for. Oversubscribed schools use their admission criteria to rank applicants in priority order, so it's important to check the admission criteria for schools you are interested in. A Kent Grammar school can only consider your child for a place if you have named it on your application and your child has been tested and assessed suitable for admission. If your child is not offered a place at the school, you can appeal to an Independent Appeal Panel and may be able to add them to the school's waiting list.

Key dates

Thursday 1 June 2023	Registration opens at kent.gov.uk/kenttest . You will receive a confirmation email when registration is complete.
Monday 3 July 2023	Registration closes at midnight. If your child attends a school outside Kent, you will receive an email by the end of August with your allocated test centre.
Thursday 7 September 2023	Children who attend a Kent primary school sit the test in their school.
Saturday 11 September 2023	Children who attend primary schools outside Kent, or are Educated at Home sit the test in a Test Centre.
Wednesday 18 October 2023	Kent Test Decisions emails are sent after 4pm to the email address used to register the child.

Need help?

Further information about the test and about transport to grammar school for low-income families can be found on our website at kent.gov.uk. If your child is outside the age range for the test, or cannot take the test on a Saturday please email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk.

For help registering please email kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk. Only one registration per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of registration. Keep your log in details safe and use the email address you registered from for all communication with the team.



Follow these links to our website and social media

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-C-of-E-Primary-School-820857021275490/>

<https://twitter.com/stmarysdover>

As always, please don't hesitate to make contact via email or telephone with any queries, comments or concerns you may have.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher
office@stmarysprimary.net - 01304 206887



Lunch Menu – Week 1 Week beginning Monday 26th June 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 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 - stirfried 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)				
MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE					

