

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023



## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Ms Comfort

### Class 6 Activity Week

In honour of their time with us we organised a week of activities for our Year 6 children which they are just finishing as I write. Miss Loges reports:

'Year Six have thoroughly enjoyed their activity week. It has been wonderful to see the class spend quality time with each other before they make their next steps towards secondary school. Monday saw us hiking down to forest school, cooking pizzas on an open fire and making friendship bracelets. Tuesday took us to the local park where the children enjoyed the freedom of playing and socialising in the sun. On Wednesday, the children thoroughly enjoyed their team building scavenger hunt around the whole school. Thursday allowed the children to get crafty, where they visited Dover Smart Project on the seafront. To end our wonderful week, the children took part in a team quiz and relaxed in front of a good film! What a week it has been for our Year Sixes!'



### Transition

As we start to welcome our new Reception class children into school our oldest children have been getting ready for moving on – next week, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, they will all spend the day at their new secondary schools. On that day also all children in school will 'move up' and spend most of the day with their teacher for September in their new classroom.

### Staff News

I am pleased to inform you that the planned teacher allocation for next year is as follows:-

**Class R** – Mrs Sam Tomkinson

**Class 1** – Mrs Louisa Wallis (Mrs Wallis will have leadership release time, cover for this to be confirmed)

**Class 2** – Miss Amber Sayer

**Class 3** – Mrs Marie Phengphachanh

**Class 4** – Mrs Louise Buchanan (Mon and Tues), Mrs Emma Fagg (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

**Class 5** – Mrs Sarah Morris (maternity cover for Miss Kira Link)

**Class 6** – Mrs Kirsty Miles (Miss Loges is getting married in July and returning to school as Mrs Miles)

### National Education Union (NEU) Strike Action

Please be advised that classes **R, 1, 2, 3 and 6** will be **closed** on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July due to industrial action, a separate letter has already gone out about this. Children in these classes are **not** to attend school on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. **Classes 4 and 5** will be **open as usual**.

### Grand Day Out

We are all excited about our whole school trip on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Children are to arrive at school at their usual time and we anticipate we will be back for dismissal at the usual time. Children will be dismissed as usual.

The children will be outside for the majority of the day, they should wear their school polo shirt with shorts or school dress so that their shoulders and neck are covered. Sandals or trainers may be worn (not flip flops). If you are worried about sunburn, please send your child in a long sleeved top and/or long trousers/leggings.

In addition, all children will need the following items for the day:-

- Sun hat.
- Sun cream (applied before school; they may bring extra to apply during the day - please note: no aerosols).
- Waterproof coat.
- Packed lunch and drinks (no glass bottles, cans, nuts or sweets please)
- Backpack or similar to keep their packed lunch in (not a carrier bag please).
- For the beach, and if they wish to paddle in the sea, children may also bring a flannel/tea-towel for drying feet .

Children are invited to bring a bucket and small (for ease of carrying) spade for sandcastle building! Children do not need to bring any spending money.

Thank you for your support with what we all hope is going to be a lovely day out for the children.

### Reading Workshop

Mrs Wallis ran another of our reading workshops this week for parent/carers of children in Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2; thank you to those of you who have attended a workshop during this year. I am pleased to say that we will continue to offer these next academic year for parent/carers of children in all classes.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

#### HOUSE POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – **RAMSEY** – 170 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – **LANG** – 137 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – **TEMPLE** – 108 points

4<sup>th</sup> – **FISHER** – 96 points



#### GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – **Class 4** – 120 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – **Class 3** – 110 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – **Class 2** – 100 points

## Go with the Flo....

With the warm summer months upon us, it's crucial to remember the importance of sun safety. Whether you're spending time outdoors. It's essential to protect yourself and your children from the sun's harmful rays.

### Sunscreen:

Applying sunscreen is a vital step in safeguarding your skin from the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation. Please can you ensure that you apply a high factor sun cream to your child's skin before bringing them into school each morning.

### Hydration:

Staying hydrated is crucial to maintaining good health, particularly during hot summer days. Please can you make sure that your child brings plenty of water, in refillable bottles with them each morning so that they can drink this throughout the day.

### Hats:

Wearing hats can provide an extra layer of protection for your child's face, neck, and scalp. We would actively encourage you to ensure that your child wear's a hat to school every day during the summer months. A hat with a brim or a peck will give extra protection to their face, ears and neck.

Let's work together to ensure a safe and enjoyable summer for everyone. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Stay sun-safe and enjoy the lovely weather.



Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

## 2023 / 2024 Term Dates

*Please also note inset days detailed below*

### Term 1

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Inset Days**

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September & Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

### Term 2

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Inset Day**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023

### Term 3

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Inset Day**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

### Term 4

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

### Term 5

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Inset Day**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024

### Term 6

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024

## Term 6 2023

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:

Kent Test applications close at midnight

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July:

Athletics Club

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:

NEU Strike Action

Classes R, 1, 2, 3 & 6 - CLOSED

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July:

Transition Day

Summer Multi-Sports Club

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July:

Whole School Grand Day Out  
NEU Strike Action Day

## School Uniform Orders

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

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August**

To place your order online, please visit:  
[www.pmgwchoolwear.co.uk](http://www.pmgwchoolwear.co.uk)

Quote code **STMDFC** for FREE delivery



## Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School

'You Can Do It!' The first Christians did not choose to follow Jesus because it was an easy option and because they received some sort of immediate material.

The children explored the biblical story of 'Paul' which identified the importance of strength and resilience. Even though Paul was tormented and abused, his inner-strength and resilience did not stop him from promoting the teachings of Jesus and God's love (II Corinthians 11:24-27).

I wonder why inner-strength and mentality is sometimes forgotten and people perceive strength as to how physically strong you are? Can you think of a time in your life where you have had to be mentally strong and the positive outcomes this has had?

Moreover, there was a wave of excitement in Friday's Worship as a plethora of celebrations were shared - well done to all the children!

### Learner of the Week

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

**Class R - Janishaa** is Turtles Learner of the Week as her listening skills have improved and she is following instruction in class. Janishaa has joined in with lots of learning activities and enjoyed making a salt dough fossil. Well done Janishaa!

**Class 1 -** Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class has developed a really positive attitude to their learning and continues to try so hard in all activities. They listen carefully to instructions in class and are now confident when giving their own answers and ideas. Well done - we are all really proud of you!

**Class 2 - Laura** is our Learner of the Week in Otters' Class as she has been a ray of sunshine and an incredibly hard worker this week. She has created a fantastic poem about summer, using noun phrases to describe what she could see, hear, smell, taste and touch. Keep up the great work Laura!

**Class 3 - Lara** is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as she has had an excellent week in many aspects of her learning. Lara has enjoyed creating the story map for our instructional text, and in science Lara collaborated well with her talk partner to discuss what would happen if some animals did not have any bones. Well done Lara - we are super proud of you!

**Class 4 - Mia** is Penguins' Learner of the Week as she always demonstrates our school's Christian values. Mia perseveres even when she finds things difficult, with such a positive and enthusiastic attitude. She has worked hard in maths when converting different units of time - a tricky skill! Well done Mia - we are very proud of you!

**Class 5 -** Orcas Learner of the Week is **Katie** as she has worked her best in all subject areas. Katie is gaining confidence to offer her ideas in lessons, and is a friendly and valued member of Orcas Class. Well done Katie!

**Class 6 -** Seahorses Learner of the Week is **Chloe G.** Chloe has been a ray of sunshine and a total superstar - joining in and enjoying every aspect of our activity week! Chloe represented St Mary's wonderfully during our trips out of school this week, demonstrating our Christian values and showing what a brilliant role model she is. Well done Chloe - keep up the good work!



## Thought for the Week

Nothing can  
dim the light  
which shines  
from within.



### 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](https://kent.gov.uk/kenttest)

**Registration closes at midnight on  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**

The deadline to register for the Dover  
Entry test is Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

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>



A Christians Together in Dover Children's Event

### RESTORATION STATION HOLIDAY CLUB

Places are limited so  
please book a place - call:  
Carol on 01304 212470

DATE: 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
July 2023

Time: 10-12  
2 hours of fun activities,  
games and crafts in our  
Work Shed!!!  
£2/child per day

For present  
Reception to  
Yr 6 children

THEME: How Jesus helped others

VENUE: Dover Baptist Church  
Maison Dieu Road  
CT16 1RF

Leaders have a DBS & have had safeguarding training  
Refreshments provided.



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](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net) - 01304 206887

## Lunch Menu – Week 2 Week beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 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)				

