

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 15th September 2023



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

It has been another super week in school with lots going on in all classes.

Open Afternoon

Thank you to families who were able to join us for our Open Afternoon on Thursday. All classrooms were buzzing with conversation as children proudly showed their work to their grown-ups and I know the teaching staff were very pleased to be able to chat with parent/carers.

Special Educational Needs

In other news teaching staff have spent time with Mrs Charlotte Burkett, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) finalising SENd Plans this week and have been making contact with parent/carers to discuss targets. Plans will be sent home during the week beginning 25th September.

If you ever have any concern about your child having a special educational need please speak to the class teacher or Mrs Burkett.

School Attendance and Punctuality

The single most important way that you can help your child to do as well as possible at school is to make sure they attend every day and on time. Being absent from school should be rare and ONLY because your child is unwell. We are going to continue to be relentless about challenging parent/carers when children are absent or late. There are many families who DO send their children to school regularly and on time and I thank you for that.

Home Reading

The second most important way that you can help your child to do as well as possible at school is to help them to become a confident reader who enjoys reading. Have you heard your child read this week? Have you read to your child this week and have you signed your child's home reading record this week? We really value your help and support with this important matter.

Reception Class 2024

As this new school year begins we are already working to connect with the children and families who will be joining our next Reception Class in September 2024.

Do you have a child born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020?

If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2024. We invite families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.

Wishing you all a good weekend

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher



Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

The focus of Collective Worship this week was 'rebuilding together'. The children explored the importance of our school community and why teamwork and perseverance are important. We shared the story of Nehemiah, as well as discussed how our school community is like a giant jigsaw - each inter-connected piece being integral to allowing us all to flourish. Why is your community important? How do you show teamwork at home?

The children were excited to start practising their Harvest-themed songs in Singing Worship - we will be looking forward to presenting this at St Mary's Church in October.



Furthermore, our Year 6 House Captains were presented in Collective Worship - they all did brilliantly when sharing their reasons why they believe they can be successful within this prestigious school role!

Our House Captains are:

Blue Lang – Katie & Sanad
Red Temple – Chase & Amelia
Yellow Fisher – Mileigh & Anita
Green Ramsey – Keatyn & Alex

Go with the Flo....

Every day matters!

Being in school every day means that your child is taking full advantage of every learning opportunity that is available to them. Children with low school attendance tend to achieve less well at school and struggle to keep up with the other children of their own age.

Whilst a result of 90% in an examination might be a really impressive result this is not the case when we talk about attendance percentage rates.

Below is a table that will help you to see what a percentage attendance rate means when we look at the number of days missed at school and the number of learning hours lost.

Percentage attendance	Days absent from school	Number of hours of missed learning
95%	9 days	58 ½ hours
90%	19 days	123 ½ hours
85%	29 days	188 ½ hours
80%	38 days	247 hours
75%	48 days	312 hours
70%	57 days	370 ½ hours
65%	67 days	435 ½ hours

Getting your child to school on time, every day, will give them the best chance to succeed and to reach their full potential. If you are concerned about your child's school attendance, please contact the school office to arrange a time to meet with me to discuss what support we can offer.

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:



Class R – Ada is Turtles Learner of the Week! She has made a brilliant start to her St Mary's learning journey. Ada listens well on the carpet and loves to share her ideas. She is a kind friend to others and has LOVED making cakes in the mud kitchen. Well done Ada!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Raven!** She is always listening carefully and sitting beautifully on the carpet, showing that she is ready to learn! Raven puts in 100% effort every day and is a good friend to others in class. Well done Raven!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class has been superstar every day, and always comes to school with a smile on their face. They try their best with all their learning and love a challenge. They contribute brilliant ideas during class discussions and are a pleasure to have in our classroom!

Class 3 – Maisey-Jay is our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class as she is a kind and trustworthy member of our class. Maisey-Jay is always helpful to others and is an enthusiastic learner – especially in maths. Well done Maisey-Jay – we are very proud of you!

Class 4 – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is **Aiden B** as he has been an absolute star in every lesson. Aiden has a wonderful attitude towards all elements of learning, and wants to succeed in all subjects. He has shown excellent football skills during PE, and has impressed us with his maths. Well done Aiden – a brilliant week!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week has started the new school year with an absolutely fantastic attitude to their learning. They are well motivated and have produced some excellent work, whilst being sensible enough to check and ask questions when they are unsure. Well done – keep being fabulous!

Class 6 – Seahorses Class Learner of the Week is **Lois** as she has an enthusiasm for learning and is a valued member of our class. Lois has worked exceptionally hard this week and we are all very proud. She demonstrates our school Christian values and rules superbly and is a wonderful role model. Well done Lois!

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st – **LANG** – 202 points
- 2nd – **TEMPLE** – 112 points
- 3rd – **RAMSEY** – 105 points
- 4th – **FISHER** – 95 points

The winning House for best attendance this week is.....



LANG !!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st – **Year R** – 120 points
- Joint 2nd –
- Class 1 & 2** – 110 points



Allergies

If your child has any allergies you think we may be unaware of, please contact the school office and ask for an allergen form

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Term 1 2023

Monday 18th September:
Class 6 Swimming

Tuesday 19th September:

Wednesday 20th September:
Class 6 Swimming

Thursday 21st September:

Friday 22nd September:

Thought for the Week

Get up,
dress up,
show up &
never give up

Samuel Johnson

Dover Town Team Benefice celebration service

A message from Reverent Melissa Carter, Dover Team Town Benefice:-

The Dover Town Team Benefice, which includes the churches of St Marys, St Martins (Elms Vale), St Andrews (Buckland) and St Peter and Paul (Charlton) are holding a service on Sunday 17th September at 10:30am on the Marina Curve (just up from the clocktower) in celebration of our worship and ministry in the town, including our schools, and we would love to welcome you if you can join us.

If you are able to come along it would help to know numbers for seating etc as we are on the gravel, so could you please let Rev Melissa know on rev.melissa.carter@gmail.com

If it is bad weather the service will be moved to St Marys parish centre.

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
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Lunch Menu – **Week 2** Week beginning Monday 18th September 2023

£2.67 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 (v) (milk)	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)				

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE*

