St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover

Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 20th October 2023

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance

A Message from Ms Comfort

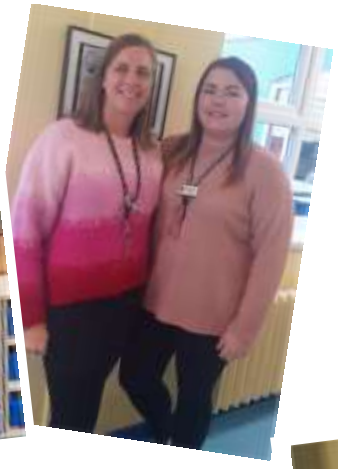
It hardly seems possible that we can already be at the end of Term 1 but we are! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all children, staff and families for their hard work and commitment over the last seven weeks. I know we are all looking forward to a week's break and then will be back ready to embrace all that Term 2 brings us!

Black History Month October 2023 – Celebrating our Sisters

Children and staff celebrated Black History Month by finding out about the lives of seven significant black women: Baroness Floella Benjamin; Rosa Parks; Aretha Franklin; Beyonce Knowles-Carter; Lauren James; Mary Seacole and Harriet Tubman. Can your child tell you which woman they found out about and anything about their lives? We have a lovely display of work about these women in our school hall – do have a look when you visit for parent/teacher consultation meetings next term.

In the Pink!

Did you spot any of our staff wearing pink today in support of Breast Cancer Awareness? Huge thanks to Miss Sayer for leading on this day and to the staff in their fundraising efforts - £86.19 was raised!



Term 1 Reading News

Congratulations to our seven winners of the Term 1 Reading Incentive Prize! As you may recall children receive a raffle ticket for returning their reading books and their signed purple reading record to school every Wednesday. Each week the raffle tickets are added to a class pot, this morning in Collective Worship Mr Lamprell picked out a ticket for each class. The winning children received a 'reading for pleasure' prize, including some fabulous new books and treats to enjoy at home.

Congratulations to Ezra, Tino, Leo, Ayden and Alex.

Term 1 Winning Readers

Remember – you have to be 'in it to win it' so the more your child reads at home the more chance they have of being a winner next time.

Is your child starting Reception Class in September 2024?

A reminder that we are currently holding individual school tours for families. Please do contact the school office to arrange a convenient tour (01304 206887 / office@stmarysprimary.net)

You must apply online for a Primary school place. **Go to Kent Online** Admissions - https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places

This is a simple, fast and secure way to apply for a Primary school place in Kent**. Applications open on Friday 3rd November 2023 and close at midnight on Monday 15th January 2024**. If you need any support, please do contact our school office.

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.*

You can name up to three schools. These can be anywhere in England.

Apply

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 3 November 2023** and closes at midnight on **Monday 15 January 2024.**

You can apply at any time of the day. You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.**

You can log back in at any time to view that information entered is correct.

Accept or decline

On offer day **(Tuesday 16 April 2024)** an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer. ***

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Tuesday 30 April 2024.**

If it has not been possible to offer your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to add their name to the waiting list and lodge an appeal.

Is your child starting Year 7 in September 2024?

A reminder to our Class 6 parents/carers that the application to apply for your child's secondary school place **closes at midnight on Tuesday 31st October 2023.**

You must apply for a secondary school place online at:
https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places

If you need any support, please do contact our school office (01304 206887 / office@stmarysprimary.net).

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at ***www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.***

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Friday 1 September 2023** and closes at midnight on **Tuesday 31 October 2023.**

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day **(Friday 1 March 2024)** an email will be sent after **4pm** informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Friday 15 March 2024.**

If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

I wish you all a good half term break. Remember that Monday 30th October is a staff training day and children do not attend school. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 31st October.

Ms Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Learner of the Week is **Arthur**! Arthur has wowed us in PE this week as he has demonstrated good teamwork, and enjoyed bouncing and passing a ball to a partner. Well done Arthur – we are all very proud of you!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Piper** as she has listened very carefully and risen to our challenge to complete their BEST WRITING EVER! Piper has tried really hard to ensure that her letter formation is neat and her letters are sitting on the line. We are all very proud of you – well done Piper!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class has a fantastic attitude to their learning and always gives 100%. They have beautiful manners and is kind and helpful towards others. They contribute fantastic ideas during class discussions and take great pride in their work. Well done!

Class 3 – Puffins Learner of the Week is **Vivien** as she always shows encouragement, compassion and understanding towards her friends. Vivien always has a positive attitude to learning and has been eager to contribute to most class discussions this week. Well done Vivien – keep up the great work!

Class 4 – **Amaya** is Penguins Learner of the Week as she has been an absolute star towards all of our learning and tried her best with every task. She has impressed us with her understanding in maths, and is always a kind and caring friend to others. We are all very proud of you – well done Amaya!

Class 5 – Orcas Learner of the Week has impressed us all on more than one occasion this week. They have demonstrated what they are capable of achieving when they really put their mind to it. They have worked really hard in English, and also produced some excellent art-work linked to the themes and topics we have explored this term. You are an Awesome Orca – keep doing your best!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses class is **Alex** as he has worked really hard to improve his presentation across all subjects. Alex has been actively participating in all subjects, sharing his thoughts and ideas with the class, which have been greatly received by both adults and his peers. A great start to Term 1 Alex – keep it up!

HOUSE POINTS

1st – LANG – 253 points
2nd – FISHER – 166 points
3rd – RAMSEY – 135 points
4th – TEMPLE – 108 points

HOUSE POINTS
END OF TERM 1 WINNERS

1st – LANG – 962 points
2nd – TEMPLE – 833 points
3rd – FISHER – 773 points
4th – RAMSEY – 760 points

The winning House for best attendance this week is……

LANG !!

Go with the Flo…

Help through Hardship helpline

If you're worried about money and struggling to afford essentials, call our free helpline for personalised support.

Our friendly advisers can help you get the support you need if you're struggling to afford essentials like food, heating and toiletries. We can advise which benefits you're entitled to guide you through any claims, and help you with emergency issues.

If you're feeling overwhelmed or struggling to cope, we can also refer you to Mind's Infoline. Their advisers will provide support and information to help you take care of your wellbeing.

Call now: 0808 2082138
Lines open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Closed on public holidays.

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

Thought for the Week

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week's Collective Worships focused on perseverance and why we should never give up!

Christians believe that The Bible reminds us that it is not unusual to go through hard times but that they help us to grow and give us hope. The children explored the meaning of perseverance and resilience and made links to our school's Christian values. Pupils explored things that they find difficult and techniques to help, so that they can overcome challenges.

What helps you in your life when things get tough?

The school community had a fabulous Friday Collective Worship with many awards given out; our new School Council were presented; Reading Awards shared; as well as the importance of raising money for Breast Cancer Awareness was shared.

Reception Class 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 contact the office:
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GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 5 – 115 points
2nd – Class 4 – 110 points
3rd – Class 6 – 108 points

Term 2 2023

Monday 30th October:
STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY
SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday 31st October:
FIRST DAY OF TERM 2
Multi-Skills Club

Wednesday 1st November:

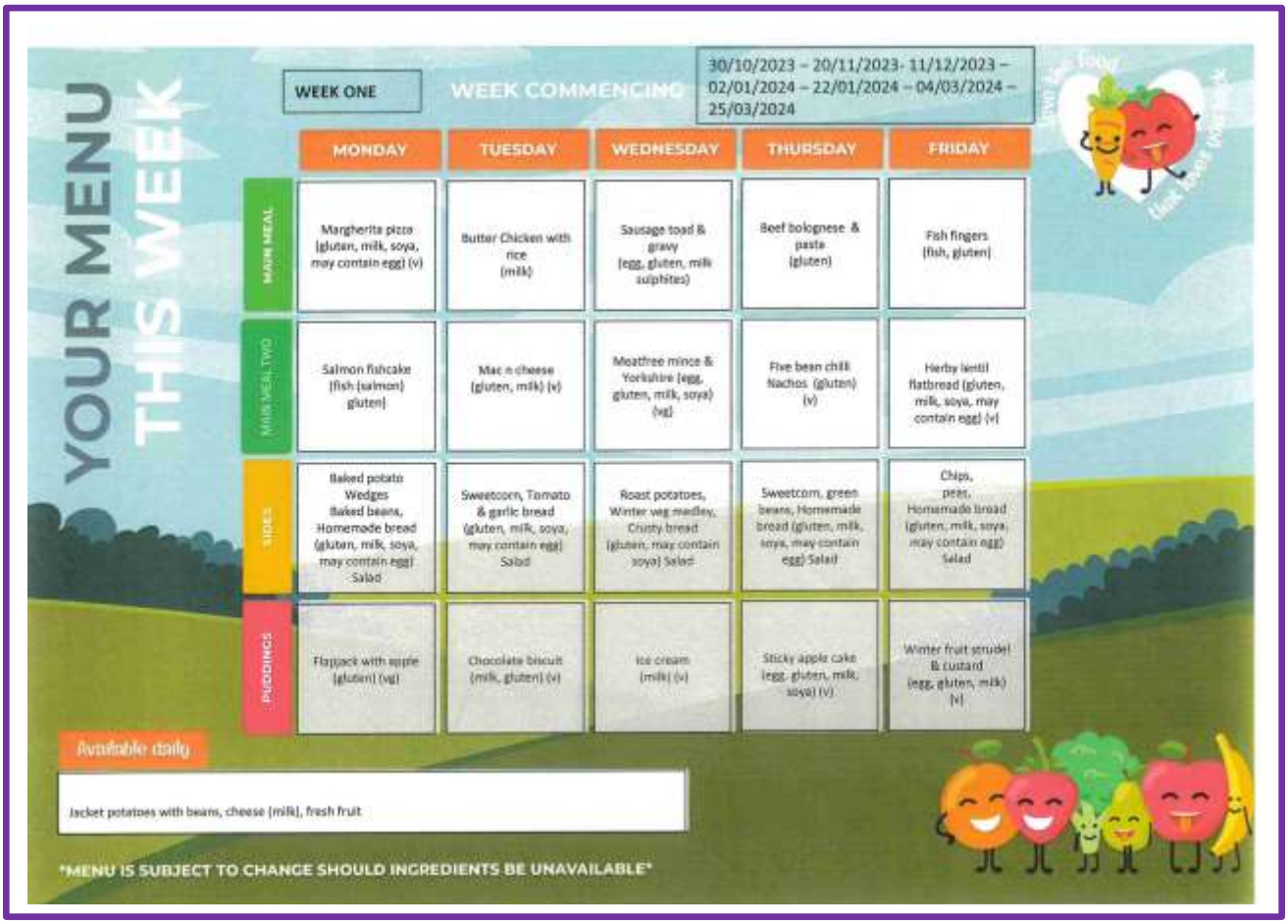
Thursday 2nd November:
Football Club

Friday 3rd November:
Primary School Applications Open

Lunch Menu – Week 1

Week beginning Monday 31st October 2023

£2.67 per day – All meals must be paid in advance



YOUR MENU THIS WEEK

WEEK ONE

WEEK COMMENCING 30/10/2023 – 20/11/2023- 11/12/2023 – 02/01/2024 – 22/01/2024 – 04/03/2024 – 25/03/2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Margherita pizza (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) (v)	Butter Chicken with rice (milk)	Sausage toad & gravy (egg, gluten, milk sulphites)	Beef bolognese & pasta (gluten)	Fish fingers (fish, gluten)
MAIN MEAL TWO	Salmon fishcake (fish (salmon) gluten)	Mac n cheese (gluten, milk) (v)	Meatfree mince & Yorkshire (egg, gluten, milk, soya) (vg)	Five bean chilli Nachos (gluten) (v)	Herby lentil flatbread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) (v)
SIDES	Baked potato Wedges Baked beans, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Sweetcorn, Tomato & garlic bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Roast potatoes, Winter veg medley, Crusty bread (gluten, may contain soya) Salad	Sweetcorn, green beans, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Chips, peas, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad
PUDDINGS	Flapjack with apple (gluten) (vg)	Chocolate biscuit (milk, gluten) (v)	Ice cream (milk) (v)	Sticky apple cake (egg, gluten, milk, soya) (v)	Winter fruit strudel & custard (egg, gluten, milk) (v)

Available daily

Jacket potatoes with beans, cheese (milk), fresh fruit

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE

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.

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