St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover

Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 10th November 2023

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance

A Message from Ms Comfort

Class 4 Family Collective Worship

Penguins Class performed amazingly in their Family Collective Worship this morning. The class presented information about Remembrance Day and why we wear poppies. The children read their lines clearly and carefully and then sung a song - 'Lest we forget'. We were so impressed with their brilliant remembrance poppy artwork! Well done Penguins!

Kent Fire and Rescue Visit

Kerri from the Kent Fire and Rescue Service visited our school on Monday 6th November. All classes attended a 'Fire Safety' talk to learn about how to keep safe at home. In KS1 the children learnt two important rhymes about matches and smoke alarms. In KS2 the children also learnt how to make an escape plan in case of fire in the home.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service provide free advice on smoke alarms – you can call (free from most home phones, mobiles may charge) on 0800 923 7000 or email at home@kent.fire-uk.org

Remembrance

Thank you to everyone who supported the Royal British Legion by making a donation to the poppy fund. I am pleased to say that all of the poppies and the other bits and bobs have all been sold. We will advise you when we know how much we have raised.

Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Week

Next week is our annual Anti-Bullying and Mental Health Week, where we will be using the 2023 national theme of "Make a Noise About Bullying". Lessons in classes will explore positive messages about anti-bullying and mental health and ways in which we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying. We look forward to seeing all your odd socks on Monday, 13th November.

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: 01304 206887 / office@stmarysprimary.net

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

HOUSE POINTS

1st – RAMSEY – 141 points
2nd – LANG – 137 points
3rd – TEMPLE – 130 points
4th – FISHER – 112 points

The winning House for best attendance this week is……

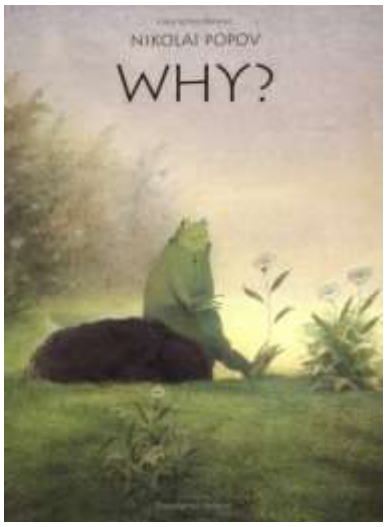
LANG !!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 4 – 118 points
2nd – Class 2 – 92 points
3rd – Class 1 – 85 points

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

This week in Collective Worship, we have been reflecting on the importance of 'Remembrance'. One of our wonderful school governors, Trish Simmons, visited us on Wednesday for our Collective Worship. She read us two beautiful stories about war. Our favourite was 'Why?', written by Nikolai Popov.



It is a story of a battle between a gang of frogs and a group of mice. They fought each other for many days and caused great destruction. The reason? The battles started over something very small - a simple disagreement about a flower! The children reflected thoughtfully on the importance of peace in our world. I wonder how you show peace in your life?

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Grace** as she always tries her best and demonstrates good listening skills during learning time. In Topic, Grace enjoyed creating a Rangoli pattern to celebrate Diwali. Well done Grace!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Fraser**! Fraser has put in maximum effort to make progress in his writing this week. Ms Page and Mrs Wallis cannot believe how hard he has worked on his letter formation and sentence structures. Fraser is a kind friend to others, and is always super helpful and polite. Keep up the hard work Fraser!

Class 2 – Our Learner of the Week in Otters Class is **Amelia**! Amelia could be Learner of the Week every week as she always has a fantastic attitude to her learning and tries her best with everything she does. Amelia is a brilliant friend to her peers, is caring and considerate of others and is kind and helpful to those around her. Keep up the great work Amelia!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Yonella**! Yonella is a kind, patient and helpful member of our class, and often shows a great sense of maturity. Yonella has excelled in our maths lessons and has also improved her writing this week by thoroughly checking if her sentences make sense. Well done Yonella – we are very proud of you!

Class 4 – **Harley** is Penguins Class Learner of the Week for the brilliant effort and attitude he has in class. Harley has impressed us with his writing and ability to recall key details from our class text, Hamelin. His understanding in maths is impressive and he has taken care to ensure his answers are accurate. Well done Harley – we are very proud of you!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Rimas** as she has shown a really mature and determined approach to all of the challenges presented to her. Rimas focuses well in class to ensure that she completes tasks to the best of her ability. She has made a really positive start to our swimming lessons and has demonstrated a sound understanding in maths. You are an Awesome Orca Rimas!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Katie** as she always applies 100% to her learning! Katie follows our school rules and Christian values, and presents her work neatly. She has excelled in English and expertly written a newspaper report. Well done Katie – we are all very proud of you!

Go with the Flo…

This week I wanted to share with you the 'Place2Be' parenting website. This website has an abundance of information and parenting advice from child mental health experts. It provides practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour.

It is a clear, easy to use website, that covers lots of topics related to every day challenges a child may experience, as well as more significant events. Some examples include:

- advice regarding separation anxiety
- routines
- safe social media
- co-parenting

More information can be found at:

https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm_source=Schools&utm_campaign=4179f45443-Non-Partner_Schools_Newsletter_November_2021&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c6b02a1e38-4179f45443-220705499

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

What should I do if my child is absent?

Our school attendance policy clearly asks a parent to call the school to report their child's absence before 9am on the day of the absence (and each subsequent day of absence), and to advise when you expect your child to return to school.

If we do not hear from you, we will:

1. Make a phone call to the main contact number.
2. If there is no response, we will call all emergency contacts to ascertain a reason.
3. If there is still no response or nobody knows why your child is absent, you may receive a home visit from a member of staff.

We may also seek advice from Children's Social Care or the police as your child will then be classed as 'a missing child'. The police may carry out a welfare check.

These procedures are to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe.

Please inform the school office of any changes in your contact details.

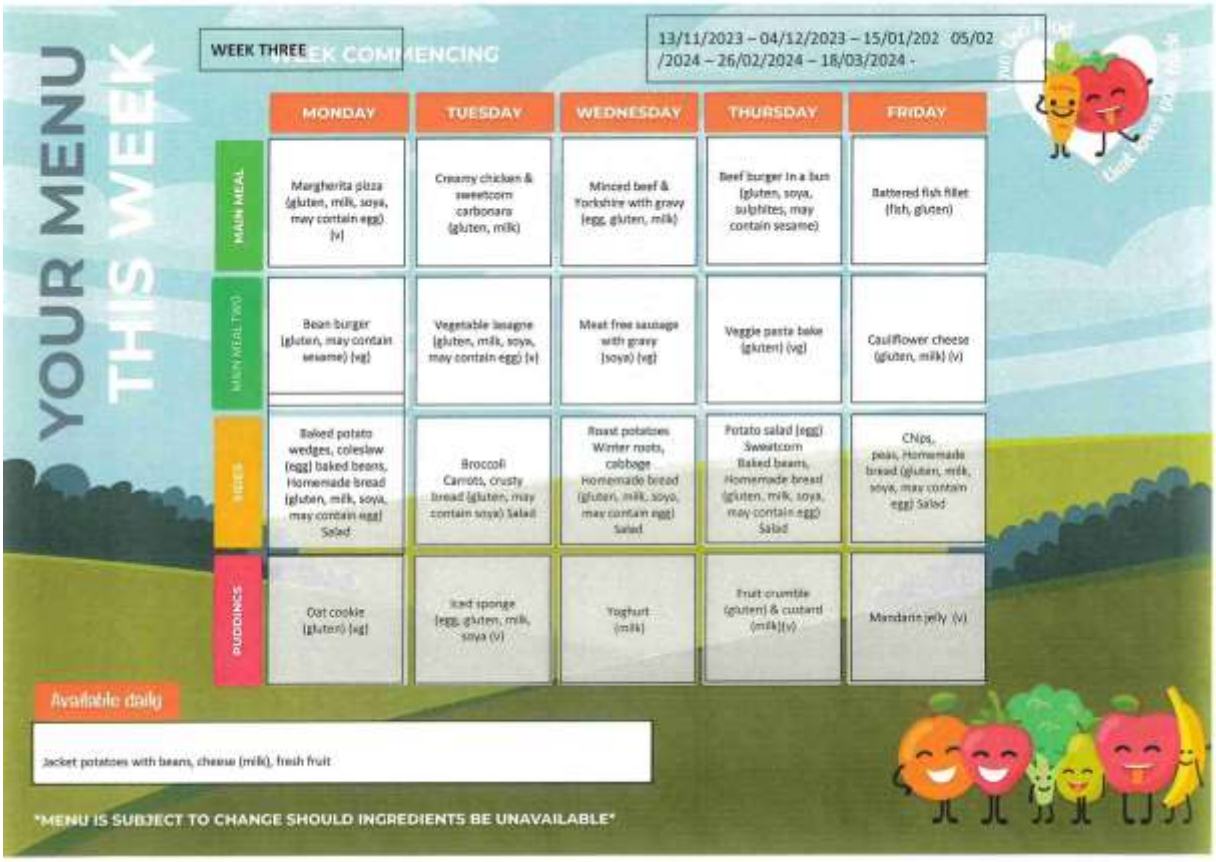
Thought for the Week

Lunch Menu – Week 3

Week beginning Monday 13th November 2023

Please follow the link below to register and pay for your child's meals:
https://chandcoparents.myschoolmealorders.com/login

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



YOUR MENU THIS WEEK

WEEK THREE WEEK COMMENCING 13/11/2023 – 04/12/2023 – 15/01/202 05/02 /2024 – 26/02/2024 – 18/03/2024 -

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Margherita pizza (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) (v)	Creamy chicken & sweetcorn carbonara (gluten, milk)	Minced beef & Yorkshire with gravy (egg, gluten, milk)	Beef burger in a bun (gluten, soya, sulphites, may contain sesame)	Battered fish fillet (fish, gluten)
MAIN MEAL (Veg)	Bean burger (gluten, may contain sesame) (vg)	Vegetable lasagne (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) (v)	Meat free sausage with gravy (soya) (vg)	Veggie pasta bake (gluten) (vg)	Cauliflower cheese (gluten, milk) (v)
SIDES	Baked potato wedges, coleslaw (egg) baked beans, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Broccoli Carrots, crusty bread (gluten, may contain soya) Salad	Roast potatoes Winter roots, cabbage Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Potato salad (egg) Sweetcorn Baked beans, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Chips, peas, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad
PUDDINGS	Oat cookie (gluten) (vg)	Iced sponge (egg, gluten, milk, soya (v)	Yoghurt (milk)	Fruit crumble (gluten) & custard (milk)(v)	Mandarin jelly (v)

Available daily

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

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE

Term 2 2023

Monday 13th November:
Anti-Bullying Week
Odd Socks Day
Swimming – Class 5

Tuesday 14th November:
Multi-Skills Club

Wednesday 15th November:
Swimming – Class 5

Thursday 16th November:
Football Club

Friday 17th November:
Children in Need Day

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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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