

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 1st December 2023



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

We haven't let the chilly weather this week dampen our St Mary's CEP spirits! The Christmas hoops are hung in the hall and the tree has been decorated – these will certainly help us all to get into the festive spirit as Advent begins this weekend. There is an air of excitement in the Key Stage 2 classes as the children (and staff!) look forward to our Christmas Disco today with some children even serenading Mr Lamprell and me with Christmas songs as we went down to unlock the gate this morning!

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our forthcoming Christmas events –

- KS2 Christmas Disco – Friday, 1st December
- Reception Class Stay & Play Session – Wednesday, 6th December
- KS1 Performance 'The Twinkly Nativity' – Thursday, 7th December
- KS2 Carol Concert at St Mary's Church – Monday, 11th December

Little Lambs

Mr Lamprell and Mrs Debbie Morris took our Year 6 House Captains to the Parish Centre today to join with Mrs Simmons and her Little Lambs for a Christmas craft activity. We love reaching out and getting involved in this way with the little ones before they start school. We have also booked in some further sessions to visit them and to have them visit us at school.

Year 5 and 6 - Winter Lanterns – Dover's Winter Light Up

This weekend Year 5 and 6 pupils will take part in a procession in Dover's Winter Light Up 2023, along with their families and other local schools. This sounds as though it will be a wonderful start to their Christmas activities.

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 - **TEMPLE** - 216
- 2nd - **FISHER** - 208
- 3rd - **LANG** - 167
- 4th - **RAMSEY** - 102



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

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

The children continued to explore the meaning of Advent, as well as practise rehearsing their festive songs for the upcoming events.

In the Christian church calendar, the time leading up to Christmas is called Advent, the Latin word meaning "coming".



Christians mark the four Sundays in Advent as a way to prepare hearts for the coming of Jesus. The children continued to understand the meaning and beauty of Advent by completing several activities and discussions in Collective Worship - many including describing their own 'Advent Calendar'! I wonder how you prepare in the lead up to Christmas Day? What makes it magical in your home?

Celebration Collective Worship was particularly special today as the children entered the school hall with excitement; the class Christmas hoops had been hung and the school Christmas tree decorated!

Thought for the Week

"May the light shine
bright for you this
Advent"



Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Learner of the Week is **Jairah** as she comes into school every day with a smile on her face, ready to learn. Jairah always tries her best and is always willing to help others. She used her phonic knowledge to write a letter to Santa. Well done Jairah!

Class 1 – **All of Starfish Class** are our Learners of the Week this week as they have been working really hard to practise our nativity. We are incredibly proud of how they have worked with Otters Class to practise every afternoon. Well done Starfish Class – keep up the good work!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Eavie-Mai** as she has worked hard with all her learning and has produced some fantastic work! Eavie-Mai has enjoyed practising our Nativity and is looking forward to our performance. Keep up the great work Eavie-Mai!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Anfroï** as he is always helpful and has a lovely smile for those around him. Anfroï always makes the right choices and has a joyful attitude towards everything. He tries very hard in all subjects and often dazzles us with his independence and speed in maths! Well done Anfroï!

Class 4 – **Ahmed** is Penguins Class Learner of the Week for the wonderful effort and concentration he has had in class. He has been focussed and keen to succeed. Ahmed has also shown his wonderful imagination in writing, and impressed us with his wonderful calculation skills in maths. Well done Ahmed!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Amber** as she is an extremely kind and thoughtful member of the class. Amber has a positive approach to all areas of her learning and school life generally. Amber has tackled all of our recent craft challenges with a smile on her face and has produced attractive pieces. Well done Amber!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Keatyn** as she is always trying her best with her learning! Keatyn has a great attitude towards her classwork and is taking on more tasks independently. It is amazing to see Keatyn's confidence grow in maths. Well done Keatyn!



Go with the Flo...



Coming to Dover Big Local CIC

Parent and Child group
0-4
Wednesday 9.30 - 11.30
Term times only
Start date 6th December 2023

Come join us at the Charlton Centre

Healthy Snacks
Craft, Toys and games
Singing, story time and signing
A chance for children and carers to socialise
Signposting to outside agencies

Follow @DoverBigLocal on Facebook for updates



Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 1 – 115 points

Joint 2nd – 100 points



You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way!

DR. SEUSS

Term 2 2023

Monday 4th December:
Swimming – Class 5

Tuesday 5th December:
Multi-Skills Club – Final Week

Wednesday 6th December:
Reception Class Christmas Stay & Play – 2:15pm
Swimming – Class 5 – Final Session

Thursday 7th December:
Classes 1 & 2 Nativity Performance – 2:15pm
Football Club – Final Week

Friday 8th December:
Christingle Service during Collective Worship

SEND Spotlight

SEN FRIENDLY



Free Christmas Wreath Making Workshop for Children age 6-11

3 December (Sunday)
11:00-12:30
12:30-14:00

Location: Dover Smart Project, Smart Gallery, 3 Waterloo Crescent, Dover, Kent CT16 1LA

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCo

Lunch Menu – Week 3 Week beginning Monday 4th December 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

WEEK THREE WEEK COMMENCING		13/11/2023 – 04/12/2023 – 15/01/2024 05/02/2024 – 26/02/2024 – 18/03/2024				
YOUR MENU THIS WEEK		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)	Baked 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						



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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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