St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover

Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 5th January 2024

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance

A Message from Ms Comfort

Welcome to 2024!

With the school year beginning in September we are already part way through this academic year, that being said the turn of the calendar gives us all a welcome opportunity to reflect on the past and set new goals for the future. Have you given any thought to what these might be for you? I have set 'priorities' as my word for 2024 to help me focus both at home and at work on what really matters and is therefore most needing of my time and energy.

Attendance

As a school we work really hard to improve school attendance. School attendance continues to be monitored weekly and as some of you are aware we challenge lateness and absence in order to ensure that your children attend school every day and that they arrive on time. We as a school are determined that every child within our school has the opportunity to learn and reach their full potential.

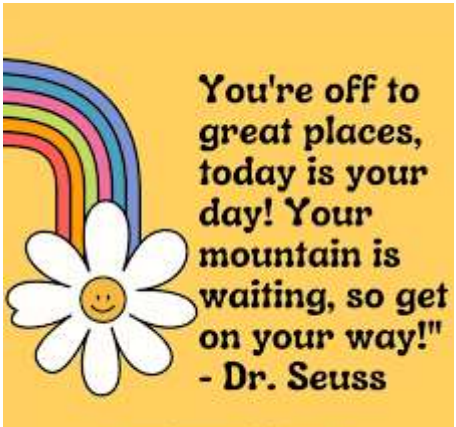
However, none of this would be possible without the commitment, you as parents have demonstrated to us in ensuring that your children are in school and they arrive on time. So, for this we would like to say a very big thank you; without your support the improvements we are making would not have been possible.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Debbie Morris (Family Liaison Officer) or your child's class teacher.

Again, thank you for your continued support.

I wish you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher



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DOVER BIG LOCAL CIC

Tuesday & Thursday

Digital Support

Free Drop in sessions - suitable for all

Help with:

how to use a computer, setting up email accounts, typing, uploading photos, organising files, using the internet, accessing services online

10am - 2pm

Unit 18 Charlton Centre
High Street, Dover
CT16 1TT
01304 449385

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Tuesday

Job Club

Tuesday 10am - 3pm

Free Drop in sessions - suitable for all

Help with:

Job searches, CV creation, Interview coaching, back to work preparation, access to one support, outside agency support to help with your wider wellbeing

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Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

Thought for the Week

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

Mr Lamprell and Revd. Melissa welcomed the children back to Collective Worship as the children were invited to explore the meaning of epiphany and what we can offer. Revd. Melissa explained the importance of The Wise Men's precious gifts that were brought to Jesus.

The bringing of precious and symbolic gifts by The Wise Men means that in certain countries and cultures around the world, the celebration of the visit of The Wise Men is the most important part of the season. I wonder what you would include if you were designing a Three Kings Day (as it is called in certain countries).

The children certainly hadn't lost their singing voices over the Christmas break, as they sung impressively in this week's Singing Worship. The week was rounded off with the children exploring our school's Christian values (Peace, Respect, Trust, Perseverance, Friendship) and three important rules: be kind; be safe; be ready to learn. The children could provide lots of examples of how and when they demonstrate these.

SEND Spotlight

Coffee Mornings

We will be holding coffee mornings at each of the following centres. A time and place for parents of children with Special Needs and Disabilities to come together and share the joys and challenges of parenting a child with additional needs.

Rainbow Centre, Great Chart Bypass, Ashford	The Village, Denmark Street, Folkestone	Aspen SMILIE Centre, Whitfield Dover
Wednesday 3rd January	Wednesday 10th January	Wednesday 17th January
Wednesday 24th January	Wednesday 31st January	Wednesday 7th February
Wednesday 21st February	Wednesday 28th February	Wednesday 6th March
Wednesday 13th March	Wednesday 20th March	Wednesday 27th March

All sessions are from 10am to 12 noon.

Please let us know if you plan to attend so we can make sure we can accommodate your needs.

Email - familysupport@includesus2.org.ok

If you are not a member of Includes Us 2, please go to our website or join here

Membership Application Form (jotform.com)

Membership is free.

Please note

Ashford - We are able to provide hot drinks.

Folkestone - We cannot provide hot drinks.

Dover - We are able to provide hot drinks.

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCo

Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2024

Apply online at *kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions*

Opens Friday 3 November 2023 and closes at midnight on Monday 15 January 2024

For children born between **1 September 2019** and **31 August 2020**, Transferring to Primary school in **September 2024**

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 Primary admissions at ***www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.***

You can name up to three Primary 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 3 November 2023** and closes at midnight on **Monday 15 January 2024.**

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

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

Receiving your offer

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.** A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer 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.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

Key dates

Friday 3 November 2023	Online application process opens. Go to ***www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions*** to register and apply.
Monday 15 January 2024	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to ***kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk***
Tuesday 16 April 2024	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after **4pm.**
Tuesday 30 April 2024	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 14 May 2024	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September – appeals information can be found at ***www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals.*** You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email ***primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk*** or ***kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk***
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at ***kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions***

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Kent County Council
kent.gov.uk

Lunch Menu – Week 2

Week beginning Monday 8th January 2024

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 TWO

WEEK COMMENCING 06/11/2023 – 27/11/2023 – 08/01/2024 – 29/01/2024 – 19/02/2024 – 11/03/2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Veggie enchilada (gluten) (vg)	Chicken meatballs in tomato sauce with pasta (gluten)	Roast gammon & gravy	Chicken curry with rice (may contain gluten)	Battered fish fillet (fish, gluten)
MAIN MEAL TWO	French bread pizza (gluten, milk, may contain soya) (v)	Lentil dhal with rice (may contain gluten) (vg)	Meatfree sausage with gravy (soya) (vg)	Mac n cheese (gluten, milk) (v)	Cheese & onion pasty (gluten, milk)(v)
SIDES	Baked half jacket, coleslaw (egg) peas, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Broccoli, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Roast potatoes carrots & cabbage Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Sweetcorn, Tomato & garlic bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Chips, Baked beans, peas, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad
PUDDINGS	Iced sponge (egg, gluten, milk, soya) (v)	Fruit crumble (gluten) & custard (milk) (v)	Raspberry Mousse (milk) (v)	Vanilla cake with peaches (egg, gluten, milk, soya) (v)	Vanilla cookie (gluten) (vg)

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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