

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 12th January 2024



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

Brrr!!

There has certainly been a drop in the temperature this week and the children had a great time playing in the very brief snow flurry which we had on Monday. Gloves, hats and scarves certainly help to keep the children warm at this time of year.

School Census Day – Thursday, 18th January 2024

As you may know, school meals for children in Classes R, 1 and 2 are centrally funded by the government. All maintained schools have a census taken in October, January and May. On these days information is collated which leads directly to how much funding the school receives, which includes money to fund your child's free meals.

The second census of the academic year will take place on Thursday, 18th January.

The school is required to record the uptake of the Universal Infant Free School Meals on the day, and I am asking that **all** children in Classes R, 1 and 2 register to have a hot school meal on Thursday, 18th January. By eating on the census day, you secure funding for your child for the year, and then you are flexible to choose when/if they eat hot school lunches. The menu on Thursday, 18th January will be **beef burger in a bun or veggie pasta bake, potato salad, fruit crumble & custard**.

SEND Coffee Morning

We look forward to seeing you at our Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Coffee Morning on Thursday, 18th January at 9:00am in the school hall. Please see additional information in the SEND Spotlight article of this newsletter.

iRock School of Music Assembly

On Thursday we were visited by Rory from the iRock School of Music. The whole school were wowed by Rory's musical expertise as he 'rocked' us through some classic songs, including: George Ezra, Imagine Dragons and Ed Sheeran. Four children were then selected to form a rock band, playing the drums, keyboard, guitar and performing vocals. The sound in the hall was amazing! The band were taught to perform 'We Will Rock You' by Queen as the whole school joined in with the beat.



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 spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.

Happy weekend everyone.

Ms Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

Mr Lamprell started our week of Collective Worship with the theme of 'The Four Gospels'.

On Monday, the children were invited to consider what a gospel is. Mr Lamprell explained that gospels help us to meet the people that Jesus met and to see how they changed or were challenged as a result. We listened to the gospel of Matthew and considered the meaning of the nickname Jesus gave to Simon, Peter the rock. Sometimes that rock was a real support and sometimes it was a little wobbly!

On Wednesday Revd. Melissa and Trish Simmonds hosted Collective Worship to reflect on the messages in the gospel of Luke. Children were invited to play the parts of Mary, Martha and Jesus and we reflected on their different styles of being welcoming to others.

HOUSE POINTS

- 1st - **LANG** - 265 points
- 2nd - **RAMSEY** - 195 points
- 3rd - **TEMPLE** - 189 points
- 4th - **FISHER** - 174 points

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - **CLASS 6** - 165 points
- 2nd - **CLASS R** - 160 points
- 3rd - **CLASS 1** - 155 points

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

LANG!!

Thought for the Week

*Friends
are the family
we choose for ourselves*



*you
are
amazing*

REMEMBER THAT.



DOVER ASYLUM SEEKER, REFUGEE AND MIGRANT DROP-IN

FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH
10AM-12PM

ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL
CANNON STREET, DOVER
CT16 1BY

MEET NEW PEOPLE AND
HAVE FUN!
FREE AND OPEN TO
EVERYONE

Signposting

Activities

Awareness

Refreshments



For more info email:
aram@samphireproject.org.uk

Go with the Flo...



Family Learning Online courses starting in January 2024

NL/139074/N/NC	Keeping Up With the Children - English	15/01/24	05/02/24	Monday	19:00	21:00
NL/139078/N/NC	Keeping Up With the Children - Maths	17/01/24	07/02/24	Wednesday	12:30	14:30
NL/139164/N/NC	Introduction to Working with Children	05/01/24	02/02/24	Friday	09:30	11:30
NL/139210/N/NC	Careers Information Workshop	22/01/24	22/01/24	Monday	18:00	20:00
NL/139552/N/NC	Family Maths	16/01/24	26/03/24	Tuesday	12:30	14:30
NL/139554/N/NC	Supporting your child with Phonics	09/01/24	30/01/24	Tuesday	09:30	11:30
NL/139066/N/PF	Understanding your Teenager	18/01/24	08/02/24	Thursday	19:00	21:00
NL/139072/N/PF	Autism Awareness	18/01/24	08/02/24	Thursday	09:30	11:30
NL/139212/N/PF	Autism Awareness	06/03/24	27/03/24	Wednesday	18:00	20:00
NL/139216/N/PF	Supporting ADHD in the Home	08/01/24	29/01/24	Monday	18:00	20:00
NL/139224/N/PF	Supporting ADHD in the Home	11/01/24	01/02/24	Thursday	12:30	14:30
NL/139582/N/PF	Exploring Behaviour Strategies	31/01/24	31/01/24	Wednesday	18:30	20:30
NL/139584/N/PF	Managing Children's Behaviour	10/01/24	31/01/24	Wednesday	18:30	20:30

To book a place on our FREE courses go to:

www.kentadulteducation.co.uk

and click on Course Areas then Family Courses and view all

We want you to enjoy learning with us. To help us provide the best possible experience for you, please let us know if you or your child have any disabilities or particular support needs.

**FREE, fun &
informal courses**



Kent Adult Education is part of Community Learning and Skills

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

SWAP SHOP

Saturday, 13th January 2024 between 11:00am and 1:00pm

**Beacon Church Hall
Beaconsfield Road
Buckland
Dover
CT16 2LJ**

Do you have a pile of children's clothes you no longer need?
Or a collection of toys that they no longer play with?

Bring them down to the Swap Shop where you can exchange them or make a donation.

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:



Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Lillia** as she always tries her best and is a kind and helpful member of the class. Lillia drew a brilliant picture of her troll this week and then used her phonic knowledge to describe it. Well done Lillia!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Dani** as she has been a writing super star! Dani always works incredibly hard and has put maximum effort to make progress in her writing this week. We have been so impressed with her effort to form letters neatly and begin to write sentences. Well done Dani!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Stacey** as she has worked very hard this week and made us all so proud! Stacey has enjoyed carrying out research in English and has written a great fact file about butterflies. She loves being at school and always has a huge smile on her face. Keep up the fantastic work Stacey!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Bryan** as he is an amazing friend to everyone and continues to have a positive attitude towards his learning. Bryan always makes good choices and perseveres in all his lessons. Mrs Jones is very impressed by Bryan's progress in reading. Well done Bryan – we are very proud of you!

Class 4 – **Eliza** is Penguins Class Learner of the Week as she has demonstrated such a positive and determined attitude. In maths, Eliza has worked hard to multiply and divide by 10 and 100, and she has been proud of her successes. She always likes to share her ideas with the class and her confidence has grown immensely. A wonderful attitude! Well done Eliza!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is a quiet and co-operative member of our class and can always be trusted to work sensibly with their peers. They have really impressed us all in maths, and their story map in English was very clear and detailed. They read regularly at home and always complete homework tasks to a good standard. Keep believing in yourself – you are an Awesome Orca!

Class 6 – Seahorses Class Learner of the Week is **Chase** as he has worked exceptionally hard in English, which has been wonderful to see! Chase has used a range of high-level figurative language, which has created drama and suspense, keeping the reader hooked and engaged. We are all very proud of you – keep up the fantastic work Chase!

SEND Spotlight

SEND Coffee Morning – Thursday, 18th January

Our Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Coffee Morning is being held on **Thursday, 18th January** between 9:00am and 10:00am in the school hall.



SEND stands for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities and can cover a wide range of challenges, including learning difficulties, physical disabilities, sensory impairments, communication difficulties, and more. It's a term used in education to refer to children who benefit from additional support or resources. This support is aimed at helping them reach their full potential and participate in school life as fully as possible.

Your child may already be on our SEND register, or you may be at the early stages of identifying your child's needs or have questions about some of their behaviour. You may be unsure about how to support your child at home. We will endeavour to answer some of your questions or provide signposting at this event.

This coffee morning aims to create a supportive and welcoming environment for parents, caregivers, and anyone involved with children who have special educational needs or disabilities. It's an opportunity for us to come together, share experiences, and foster a sense of community.

If you require to meet with me on an individual basis to discuss your child's needs in more detail, please do contact the school office on office@stmarysprimary.net to book an initial telephone call.

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.



Lunch Menu – Week 3 Week beginning Monday 15th 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

WEEK THREE 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)
MILK MEAL TWO		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 3 2024

Monday 15th January:
RECEPTION CLASS 2024
APPLICATIONS CLOSE AT
MIDNIGHT

Tuesday 16th January:
Team Building & Inclusive Sports
Club – Years 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 17th January:

Thursday 18th January:
SEND Coffee Morning – School Hall
Multi-Sports Club – Years 4, 5 & 6

Friday 19th January:
Class 6 Family Collective Worship

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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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