St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover

Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 26th January 2024

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance

A Message from Ms Comfort

As I write the newsletter today, the sun is shining and there is definitely more warmth in the air; dare I say it almost feels spring-like. I always feel it is a relief at this time of year as the days start to lengthen again and the temperature rises; I am sure many of you may feel the same too.

The children in all classes have been working hard this week; it is always a joy to be able to drop into classrooms to see and hear in action the wonderful learning opportunities which our teachers and support staff provide for the children. The children are rightly proud of their achievements and keen to share their work.

Class 3 Family Collective Worship

The children and staff in Class 3 led our morning Collective Worship today and we were very happy to have their parent/carers and family members join us too.

The children shared their learning about Europe – including singing in French, saying hello in a variety of languages and showing us their impressive artwork in the style of Vincent Van Gogh.

Little Lambs

Mr Lamprell, Mrs Debbie Morris (FLO) and Chase, Denis, Lwandle and Pasha-Mai from Class 6 visited the Little Lambs pre-school group at the Parish Centre today. They were all great ambassadors for our school and enjoyed rolling their sleeves up and getting involved in the play activities which the toddlers were enjoying. We really appreciate the opportunity to make links with families who will be sending their children to St Mary's CEP in the future and look forward to hosting a Little Lambs event at school in the next couple of weeks.

NSPCC Number Day Friday 2nd February

Hopefully you will have seen the letter which has already come out about next Friday. To re-cap, the staff and children in Lighthouse are leading this fundraiser. They invite pupils and teachers to take part in fundraising for this good cause.

Number Day 2024

The children will have a fun-filled day of maths activities and games as well as learning about the charity's services - how they help and support children.

For a donation of £1.00, we would like the children to take part in 'Dress up for Digits'. The children are asked to wear clothing with visible numbers. Alternatively, your child could create their own 'number themed' clothing. If your child does not want to take part, they must wear school uniform.

I thank you in advance for your support with these events.

Reception Class September 2024

If you have a child due to start school in Reception Class in September 2024 (born between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020), or know of one who is, and have not yet applied for a school place, please contact the school office for information.

Wishing you all a warm weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

In our Collective Worship this week we continued with the theme of Jesus bringing good news.

Through exploring the story of the woman at the well in John 4:1-26 we thought about how her 'glass' was filled. We looked at the idea that every bit of love we receive in a day fills our glass a bit more. Every bit of love we give fills the glass of someone else a bit more.

The story of the Woman at the Well uses water as a symbol for love. Perhaps going forward, every time you use running water (to wash your hands, to make a drink, to brush your teeth etc.), you could reflect on this story and consider how you are loved, accepted and known. This is also a way to reflect on the blessing of having access to clean, running water which is not enjoyed by many of our sisters and brothers across the world.

Thought for the Week

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Melisha** as she comes into school every day with a smile on her face, ready to learn. Melisha always tries her best and is beginning to share more of her ideas. Well done Melisha!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Chester** as he has settled into school brilliantly! Chester engages with all his learning and works especially hard to answer questions in maths. He is making lots of new friends and is kind to others. Well done Chester – we are so proud of you!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Piano** as she has shown fabulous focus in her learning this week. She is a thoughtful member of our class and works really well in a group. Piano has tried hard in her maths and has begun to use money successfully in class. Well done Piano – keep up the excellent work!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Tino** as he is a co-operative member of our class and can always be trusted to work sensibly with his peers. Tino has really impressed Mrs Jones and Miss Smith in English, and has been writing sentences independently. Keep up the fantastic effort Tino!

Class 4 – **Yasmin** is Penguins Class Learner of the Week as she has returned to St Mary's with a wonderful and enthusiastic attitude. She is focussed and attentive in every lesson, and is keen to do her best in every task. Yasmin listens intently and is eager to share her thoughts and ideas. A wonderful attitude – well done Yasmin!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Leo** as he is an extremely enthusiastic member of the class and arrives at school every day ready to learn and do his best. In maths, Leo has shown true perseverance when exploring a wide range of multiplication and division strategies. Leo's kind and helpful nature make him a real asset to class, and he has done a fantastic job of welcoming a new member to our class this week. We are very proud of you Leo.

Class 6 – **Mileigh** is Seahorses Class Learner of the Week as she has worked exceptionally hard with all of her learning this week and we are very proud of her. In English, Mileigh has written a fantastic set of spooky instructions about making a vanishing potion! She has also made a smashing start to algebra and is making great progress. Keep up all the wonderful work Mileigh!

Go with the Flo…

Dover, Deal & Sandwich Children's Centres

Dover Children's Centres
TIMETABLE
8th January - 28th March 2024
Term time only

Buckland and Whitfield Children's Centre - 03000 414941
St. Nicholas Church, The Linces, Dover, CT16 2BN

Samphire Children's Centre - 03000 420882
Aycliffe Primary School, St. David's Avenue, Aycliffe, CT17 9HJ

St Radigunds Community Centre - call Buckland and Whitfield Children's Centre
Poulton Close, Dover, CT17 0HL

Curzon Hall - Call Buckland and Whitfield Children's Centre
Curzon Road, Tower Hamlets, Dover, CT17 0AP

Charlton Church Hall - call Buckland and Whitfield Children's Centre
St Alphege Road, Dover, CT16 2PU

No need to book to attend groups (unless otherwise stated) but please note we may have limited space so they will be on a first come, first served basis. All groups are free of charge. Please contact us for our timetable covering Deal and Rural.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Baby Massage Buckland and Whitfield 9:30am—10:30am or 11:00am—12:00pm	**Baby Group** Buckland and Whitfield 9:30am—10:30am or 11:00am—12:00pm		**Messy Play** Buckland and Whitfield 9:30am—10:30am	**Baby Group** St Radigunds Community Centre 10:00am—11:00am
Let's Get Playing Samphire 10:00am—11:15am	**Messy Play** Samphire 10:00am—11:00am	**Arts and Crafts** Curzon Hall 1:30pm—2:30pm	**Baby Group** Samphire 9:30am—10:30am or 11:00am—12:00pm	**Book Library and Storytime** Samphire 10:00am—11:15am
Book Library and Storytime Buckland and Whitfield 1:30pm—2:30pm	**Let's Get Playing** Buckland and Whitfield 1:30pm—2:30pm	**Understanding Your Child's Feelings and Behaviour** Buckland and Whitfield Bookable slots: 1:00pm—2:30pm	**Tumble Time** Charlton Church Hall 1:15pm—2:30pm	**Baby Massage Course** Samphire Bookable: 12th Jan—9th Feb or 23rd Feb—12nd March (no session 1st Mar) 1:30pm—2:30pm
		Play at the Park Aycliffe 1:45pm—2:45pm		
		Stepping Stones Buckland and Whitfield Bookable: 17th Jan—13th March 3:30pm—5:00pm		

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Baby Massage
For babies from newborn until they start crawling. Enables parents and carers to learn about and respond to their baby's body language and to support their baby to feel safe and secure.
Booking is only needed for the course at Samphire, please call 03000 420882 to book.

Baby Group
For babies from newborn until they start walking. A safe environment for babies to play, explore and socialise with other babies. Songs, toys, and sometimes messy play.

Messy Play
For children aged 0-4 years. Join us for a fun sensory experience and lots of messy play!

Tumble Time
For children aged 0-4 years. A chance to meet other parents and carers. Lots of equipment and activities for toddlers and babies including bouncy castle, ride on toys, baby corner and mark making. Excellent group to encourage your child's fine and gross motor skills.

Arts and Crafts
For children aged 1-4 years. An opportunity to engage in art and craft activities to develop creativity, mark making and fine motor skills through use of a variety of materials, tools and techniques.

Play at the Park
For children aged 0—4 years. Meet at the park for outdoor fun activities including bubbles and balls. Please come wearing suitable outdoor clothing.

Let's Get Playing
For children aged 0-4 years. Lots of activities such as mark making, baby area, home corner, book area and more.

Book Library and Story Time
For children 0-4 years. Session includes a story time followed by the opportunity to choose books to borrow from our mini library. On joining each child will get a book bag, library card and bookmark.

Stepping Stones
A bookable 8-week programme for school children aged 4-7 years, which focuses on building confidence and boosting self-esteem.
Please book by calling 03000 414941.

Understanding Your Child's Feelings and Behaviour
A safe, supportive space for parents/carers and children aged 0-11 years to learn new techniques and ideas to better understand and manage their child's feelings and behaviour.
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Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

The winning House for best attendance this week is……

FISHER !!

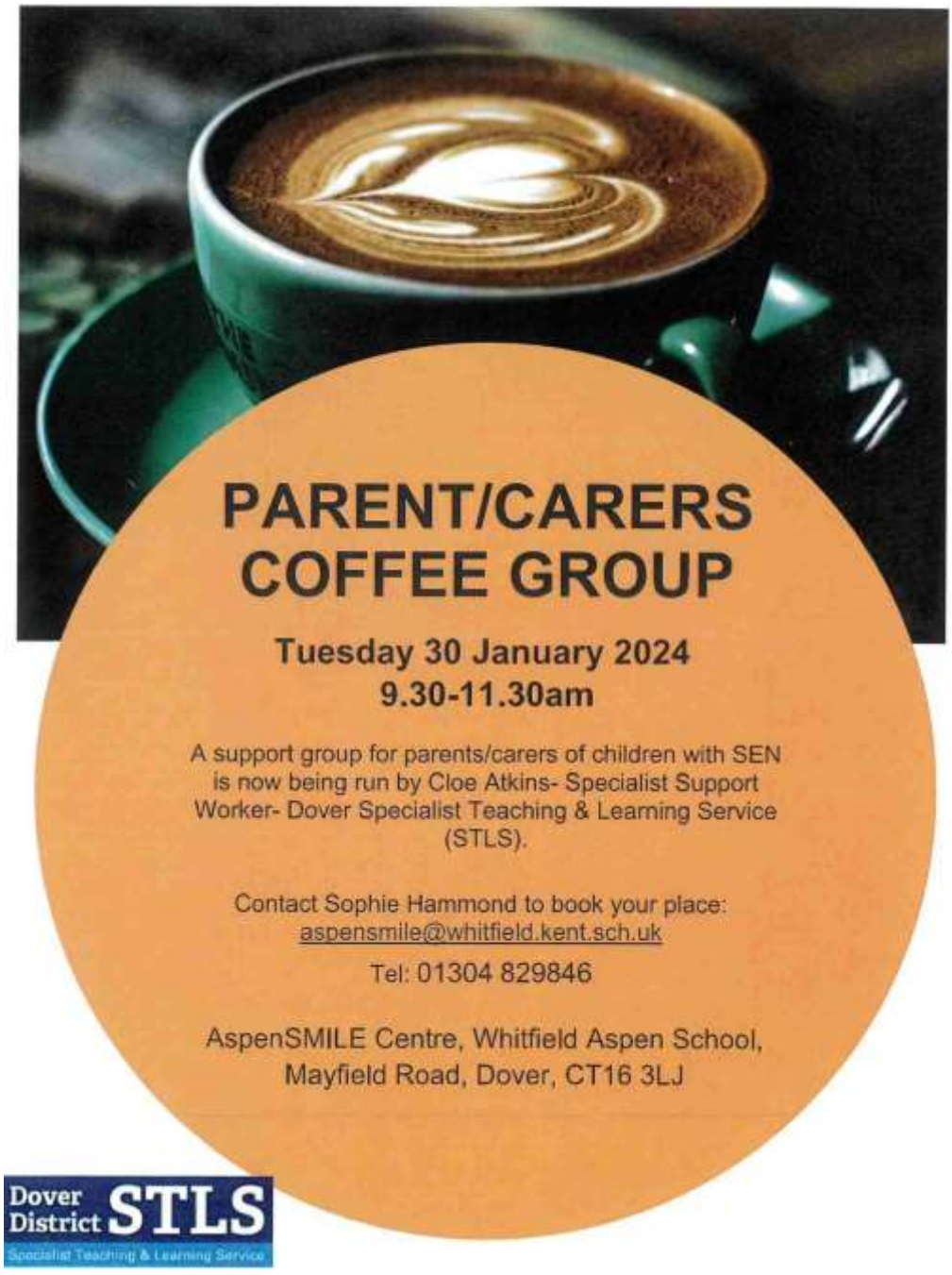
HOUSE POINTS

1st – RAMSEY – 233 points
2nd – LANG – 194 points
3rd – FISHER – 192 points
4th – TEMPLE – 123 points

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class R – 145 points
Joint 2nd – Class 2 & Class 6 – 120 points

SEND Spotlight



Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCo

Lunch Menu – Week 2

Week beginning Monday 29th 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

Term 3 2024

Monday 29th January:

Tuesday 30th January:
Team Building & Inclusive Sports Club – Years 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 31st January:

Thursday 1st February:
Multi-Sports Club – Years 4, 5 & 6

Friday 2nd February:
NSPCC Number Day

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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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