# St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover

## Learning for life with God as our guide

## Friday, 2nd February 2024

## Our Christian Values

## Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance

## A Message from Ms Comfort

**NSPCC Number Day**

We had a number-tastic time in school today! Thank you to everyone who was able to make a donation and for the marvellous themed outfits – we raised a magnificent £83.00! The children enjoyed a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, as well as learning about the charity's services and how they help and support children. We also all enjoyed a number themed Collective Worship.

**Safer Internet Day – Tuesday, 6th February**

Safer Internet Day takes place on **Tuesday, 6th February** and is a chance to focus on the online safety and wellbeing of children and young people. This year's theme is **Inspiring Change**.

We will be using some of these BBC resources during this day with the children at school, you may like to look at them at home also.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/safer-internet-day-resources/z6bbhbk

**Little Lambs School Visit – Tuesday, 6th February**

We are looking forward to the families who attend Little Lambs at the parish centre joining us in school on Tuesday afternoon next week. They will be enjoying an afternoon of creative activities with the theme under the sea, finished off by story-time.

**Open Afternoon – Thursday, 8th February 3.15pm**

Our planned 'open afternoon' will be happening in classrooms on Thursday, 8th February between 3:15pm – 4:15pm. This is an excellent opportunity to see your child's learning environment; look at your child's workbooks; as well as talk to class staff with any questions that you may have. You are welcome to 'drop in' to other classrooms if you have multiple children at the school.

**Parent-Governor**

Mr Kevin Musvipa, parent of Ayden in Class 5, joined our governing body recently and we are very pleased to get to know him in this new role. We still have a vacancy for another parent-governor – look out for information about this which will be coming out and/or speak to me or Mr Lamprell about what is involved. Mr Musvipa would also be a good person to chat to!

**Parent-Carer Conduct**

Recently we had an incident at the school gate whereby a parent/carer was verbally aggressive towards another parent/carer and also to staff. Aggression of any kind – verbal or physical – is totally unacceptable and most particularly so at the school gate or on the school site.

I am pleased to say that this is an isolated and rare incident. Please be advised that conduct which is aggressive or abusive will not be tolerated and parent/carers who behave in this way will be barred from the school site and gates.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who treat each other and the staff with kindness and respect and keep our school safe for all children, parent-carers and staff.

**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.

Happy weekend everyone.

**Ms Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher**

## Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

In the gospels, Jesus tells Christians that the Gospel (good news) includes a promise that when we make mistakes (and we all do), it's what we do after that makes the biggest difference. We can get back on track and put it right if we choose to.

We learned about the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). You can see it here in this YouTube clip if you are interested

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5BjtbJFz2ug

We thought about how it is possible to lose your way on a journey, even when following a map. We considered how it feels to lose your way on your life's journey. Then we thought more widely about how we can say sorry for a wrong we have done and then committing to do something to repair the damage.

## Thought for the Week

## Term 3 2024

**Monday 5th February:**

**Tuesday 6th February:**
Safer Internet Day
Little Lambs School Visit
Team Building & Inclusive Sports Club – Years 1, 2 & 3

**Wednesday 7th February:**

**Thursday 8th February:**
Year R Hearing & Vision Screening
Open Afternoon – 3:15pm – 4:15pm
Multi-Sports Club – Years 4, 5 & 6

**Friday 9th February:**

## Learner of the Week

**Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:**

**Class R –** Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Elliot** and he has shown a really positive attitude towards his learning this week. Elliot has also been a kind friend to others and helped lots around the classroom. Well done Elliot!

**Class 1 – Arthur** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as he has been trying exceptionally hard in his writing and has pushed himself to take on challenges. Arthur used his phonics skills brilliantly to write phonetically plausible words, using capital letters and full stops. Well done Arthur – we are so proud of you!

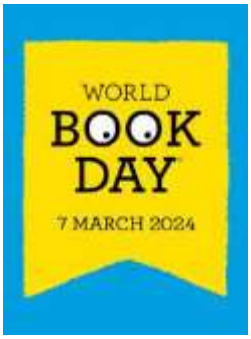
**Class 2** – Our Learner of the Week is Otters Class has impressed us all this week with their determination. They have tried really hard in maths, and listened extremely well to instructions in order to construct an accurate globe. Well done – keep up the good work!

**Class 3** – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Jay** as he arrives at school every day ready to learn and do his best. Jay has mastered multiplication and division with ease, and can also explain his calculation methods with clarity. Keep up all the wonderful work and positive attitude Jay!

**Class 4** – **Vojtech** is Penguins Class Learner of the Week as he has been an absolute star. He is focussed and attentive in every lesson and is keen to do his best in every task. Vojtech has impressed us all with his wonderful reading and he is keen to excel further. You have been a superstar Vojtech – well done!

**Class 5** – Orcas Class Learner of the Week has been working hard at remembering their phonics, and always has a smile on their face. We are very proud of you – keep up the great work!

**Class 6** – **Jasper** is Seahorses Class Learner of the Week for his enthusiasm and engagement with his learning! Jasper has settled into our classroom really well and has taken to life in Year Six like a duck to water. Jasper shows particular enjoyment in maths, and has been working hard to tackle a range of problems. Well done Jasper – keep up the great work!




## World Book Day 2024

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March 2024. The children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book in exchange for a £1.00 donation. Please do not feel you have to buy a costume, there are many you can make at home! Here are some ideas:

We will set a whole school half-term homework next week to think about and design your World Book Day Costume.

As part of our World Book Day celebrations the 'Travelling Book Fair' will be visiting school between Thursday 7th March and Monday 11th March. Please look out for further details!

**Mrs Louisa Wallis – Assistant Head of School**

**Go with the Flo…**

## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD IS GOING TO BE LATE OR ABSENT?

- If your child is going to be late or absent, please call the school office on 01304 206887 or a leave a message or send an email by 9:00am to explain the reason for the absence.
- If we do not hear from you and are unable to contact you then the session/sessions will be marked as unauthorised.
- We care about the welfare of our pupils, so please call us **EACH DAY** of your child's absence so we are kept updated.
- Because we have a duty of care for safeguarding our pupils, if we do not know why your child is absent, we will try and call you and any other contacts we have for your child. If we are unable to establish why your child is off school we may need to conduct a home visit to ensure you and your child are safe.
- If you are struggling to get your child to school please contact the school office and they will be able to arrange a meeting with Mrs D Morris, the School's Flo so that support can be offered.
- If your child's absence is of concern, you will receive a letter informing you of your child's attendance rate and offering support.
- If your child's attendance does not significantly improve you will be invited to a meeting with Mrs D Morris and/or Mr Lamprell the Head of School, to ascertain the support needed to improve your child's attendance. Further monitoring will continue.
- If after a meeting in school your child's attendance continues to cause concern the Local Authority may issue a Penalty Notice fine or instigate legal proceedings.

**Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer**

**The winning House for best attendance this week is……**

**LANG !!**

**HOUSE POINTS**

**1st – LANG – 219 points**
**2nd – TEMPLE – 191 points**
**3rd – RAMSEY – 189 points**
**4th – FISHER – 156 points**

**GOLDEN MANNER POINTS**

**1st – Class 3 – 100 points**
**Joint 2nd – Class R & Class 1 – 90 points**

# SEND Spotlight

## STLS Parent Clinics

The Dover Specialist Teaching and Learning Service are offering 30 minute clinic slots on the following dates:

- Thursday 5 October 2023 Tuesday 12 December 2023
- Thursday 25 January 2024 Tuesday 26 March 2024
- Thursday 23 May 2024 Tuesday 9 July 2024

These clinics may be of interest to parents and carers of children, who have:

- ADHD, ODD
- challenging behaviour
- difficulty regulating their emotions
- anxiety based school avoidance
- or other emotional or mental health issues.

The clinics will be run remotely by two of the Specialist Teachers for SEMH, Tracey Cook and Stefanie Zintel-Werner.

Dover District STLS Specialist Teaching & Learning Service

To book a place on the clinic or to find out more about it please contact Sophie Hammond on 01304 829846 or email Aspensmile@whitfield.kent.sch.uk

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Free, fun and informal course for parents/carers of children any age

## Autism Awareness

Would you like to understand and look at the various principles of autism and the different aspects that can be present?

This four week course is for you!

- The basic principles of autism and the different aspects
- Different expert theories and understanding of the spectrum
- Behaviour management, support and coping strategies
- The diagnosis process and how to go about it

Mondays 26th February - 18th March 2024, 9.30am - 11.30am

At Sunflower Children's Centre
Eythorne Elvington Primary School, Adelaide Road, Eythorne, CT15 4AN

To book please call 03000 415858 or email ddscc@kent.gov.uk

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.

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NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Team

## Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

### Supporting Your Child with Worries & Fears

*Monday 5th February 12.30-2.30pm*

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are your child's worries and fears starting to impact their day to day life? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to support your children so they can manage their concerns and enjoy themselves more?

You are invited to a workshop which focusses on understanding what anxiety is, the symptoms you may notice in your child and some techniques to help manage this anxiety.

If you would like to join, please ctrl + click the link below or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

Click here to join the meeting

Meeting ID: 353 932 193 516 Passcode: uq939z

Our workshops are held on Microsoft Teams. You can create an account for free. You will need access to the internet. If you have any questions please speak to your child's school. Currently, this workshop is only available to parents/carers of children attending an EWT/EST school. Please speak to your child's school or check our website for our list of schools.

We look forward to meeting you.

www.nelft.nhs.uk

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## Dover Library's Lego Club!
## Build, Play and Create, together!

No need to book - just come along and join in!

Every other Saturday, from 3rd February 2024
10:30am – 12:00pm

Suitable for ages 8 and upwards
All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult
Under 12s will require assistance from an accompanying adult

For more information, please follow the link:

bit.ly/KCCLibraryGroups

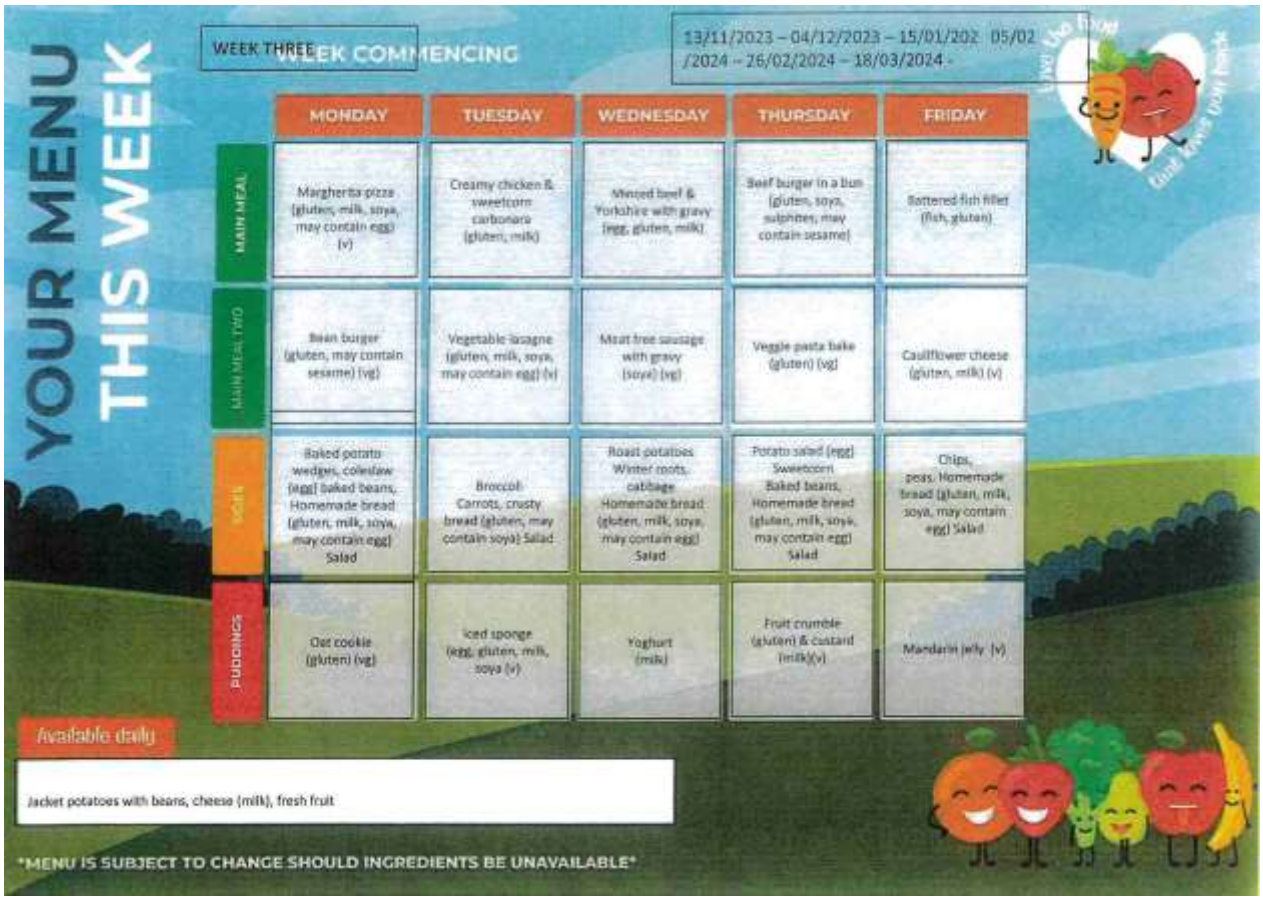
Dover, Deal and Sandwich Children's Centres

# Lunch Menu – Week 3

## Week beginning Monday 5th February 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 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 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*

**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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**Matthew Lamprell – Head of School**
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