

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



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Ms Comfort

As we end this term we are already half-way through this academic year! I would like to thank all families for their support and the children and staff for their hard work.

### Little Lambs

We hosted a 'stay and play' afternoon this week for visiting families from the 'Little Lambs' toddler group.

The children enjoyed participating in some 'under the sea' themed activities in the hall. It was a great opportunity to meet and greet some new families and children from our local area.



### Safer Internet Day

We celebrated Safer Internet Day on Tuesday with this year's theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.

Some useful links that you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:

- Advice for parents and carers from [Childnet \(Parents & carers|Childnet\)](#)
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from [Common Sense Media \(commonsense.org\)](#)
- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from [Internet Matters \(internetmatters.org./controls\)](#)
- Information and reporting of online grooming or sexual abuse from [CEOP \(ceop.police.uk\)](#)

### Open Afternoon

It was lovely to see so many of you on Thursday at our Open Afternoon. I hope you enjoyed looking at your child's workbooks and seeing our fabulous display boards as you walked around the school. The children were really proud to show their work to you and we thank you for the positive comments made.

### Staff Baby News!

I am very pleased to share the lovely news that Mrs Kirsty Miles, Class 6 teacher, is expecting not just one but two babies! All is well and babies are due to make an appearance some time in June or July.

I know you will all wish Mrs Miles well for the rest of her pregnancy and for the arrival of the babies. Class 6 parents will be notified separately when we have plans finalised for Mrs Miles' maternity cover.

### 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.

Wishing you all a good half term break and looking forward to seeing you back at school for the beginning of Term 4 on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

Ms Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

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

Collective Worship this week explored the importance of Lent. Ash Wednesday is during half term and represents the first day of Lent. Christians believe that it is a time of thinking about God and focusing more on Him instead of the material things around us. Ash Wednesday is a day when we say sorry to God and think about our lives.

I wonder what it means to say sorry and why we might want to do that, especially to people we love?

I wonder how saying sorry helps?

The children were encouraged to think of things they might want to say sorry to God for, as well as others that they love.

The week was rounded off with some fabulous singing and a range of awards given out to celebrate all of the marvellous things that the children have done this week! The children were particularly excited with the much-anticipated Reading Raffle Awards - well done to all!

## Thought for the Week

NOTE TO SELF:

Relax!

You are enough

You have enough

You do enough.

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## Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

**Class R** – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Ava** as she always shows a really positive attitude towards her learning. Ava is a kind friend to others and loves to make her friends laugh. Well done Ava!

**Class 1** – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Thandeka** as she has tried really hard with her phonics and uses her skills brilliantly to read both alien and real words. Well done Thandeka – we are so proud of you. Keep up the hard work!

**Class 2** – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Cayden** as he has excelled this week and is gaining in confidence. Cayden has read aloud to the class in a clear and confident voice. He works well during PE and is a great team player. Well done – keep up the great work Cayden!

**Class 3** – **Delilah-Rose** is Puffins Class Learner of the Week as she has continued to have a positive attitude towards her learning this week. She is always making good choices and is always ready to work hard. Delilah has been using the working wall to find answering independently in maths to help her solve multiplication and division problems. Well done Delilah-Rose!

**Class 4** – **Kasper** is Penguins Class Learner of the Week as he has demonstrated such a positive and enthusiastic attitude since starting at St Mary's. He has wowed us with his confidence to calculate a perimeter in maths, and has worked hard to create his own instructional writing. Well done Kasper – we are very proud of you!

**Class 5** – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Millie** as she has put maximum effort into her writing this week. Millie has re-told the story of Beowulf using paragraphs, fantastic descriptive phrases and a range of punctuation for effect. Well done Millie!

**Class 6** – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Lwandle** as she has settled into our class exceptionally well and has made a great start to her school journey at St Mary's. Lwandle tackles every problem with great determination to succeed and listens carefully when learning new skills and methods. Keep up the great work Lwandle!



Go with the Flo...



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# Science Week Monday

£3 per child

Monday 12th February 2023  
10am - 12pm

Come along to have a go at some science experiments

Pop into Dover Big Local to book a space

Unit 18 - Charlton Centre, Dover

Supported by Kent County Council



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# Junk Modelling Session

Come along to let your imagination flow

Bring along some recycling items if you can

Unit 18  
Charlton Centre  
Dover

Wednesday 14th February  
2 sessions available  
2-5pm

**PLEASE COME IN TO DBL TO BOOK AND PAY**

£3 per child

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**NELFT NHS**  
NHS Foundation Trust



**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 [click here](#) or by entering the Meeting ID and Passcode within Teams:

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 853 932 193 516 Passcode: 149796

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](http://www.nelft.nhs.uk)

Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams  
Midway Emotional Support Teams



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# Volcano Experiment

Come along to learn about volcanos with a chance to set one off

Friday 16th February 2024  
2pm - 4pm | £3 Per child

All children to be accompanied by a responsible adult

Come in to book your spaces

Unit 18 - Charlton Centre  
Dover CT16 1TT

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Mrs Debbie Morris - Family Liaison Officer



### Term 3 Reading News!

Congratulations to our seven winners of the Term 3 Reading Incentive Prize!

Pupils receive a raffle ticket for returning their reading books **and** their signed purple reading record to school, every Wednesday. Each week the raffle tickets are added to a class 'pot'. In Collective Worship this morning, winning tickets were drawn for each class. The winning children received a 'reading for pleasure' prize, including some fabulous new books and gifts to enjoy at home.

#### Term 3 Winning Readers

- Class R – Elliot
- Class 1 – Noah
- Class 2 – Adrian
- Class 3 – Omar
- Class 4 – Aidan
- Class 5 – Fernanda
- Class 6 – Anita



Everyone is coming home with their World Book Day homework today – to plan their character costume. World Book Day is on the **7<sup>th</sup> of March** this year. The children have been invited to dress as their favourite character. We will also be hosting the 'Travelling Book Fair' in the school hall during this week. Please look out for further details after the half-term holiday.

Keep reading in the half term!

Mrs Wallis – Assistant Head of School

**Samphire**

**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

### SEND Spotlight

Kooth is a free online service offering emotional & mental health support for children & young people in Kent aged 10-25.

Any Child or Young Person aged 10-25 in Kent can be signposted to Kooth. Kooth can support a young person should they be placed on a waiting list, not meet thresholds for support or as an additional support alongside other services. There are no referrals required as young people can sign up themselves in less than five minutes and it's all completely free.

Click here to find out more:

<https://www.kooth.com/>

If parents/carers have any questions about Kooth, etc, they can email [parents@kooth.com](mailto:parents@kooth.com)



Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCo

## GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Class 2 - 175 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Class 4 - 143 points
- Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> - Class R & Class 1 - 135 points



## HOUSE POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - FISHER - 389 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - TEMPLE - 374 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - RAMSEY - 309 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> - LANG - 249 points

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

FISHER !!

## Lunch Menu – Week 2 Week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 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 party (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 4 2024

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February:  
First Day of Term 4

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February:  
Team Building & Inclusive Sports  
Club – Years 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February:

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February:  
SEND Coffee Morning – 9.00am  
Multi-Sports Club – Years 4, 5 & 6

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February:

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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<https://twitter.com/stmarysdoover>

