St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover

Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 1st March 2024

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance

A Message from Ms Comfort

Term 4 has started well despite the ongoing wet and windy weather! I am sorry there was no newsletter last week; we had no internet connection for the week so were unable to get the letter out to you. I am pleased to say that all is now working as it should be and full communication is resumed!

Despite this being such a short term, the month of March is packed!

SENd Coffee Mornings

Mrs Charlotte Burkett, our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator, hosted our regular coffee morning for parents last week. We are working to make this a regular feature with coffee mornings confirmed for the following dates. **All** parent/carers are welcome - a letter for each session will come out nearer the time reminding and asking you to sign up, just so we have enough chairs, cups and most importantly biscuits!

Future coffee mornings are shown below, they all start at 9am just after morning drop-off:

- **Thursday March 28th** - How to support sensory needs at home (Include Us 2 attending)
- **Thursday April 25th** - Supporting learning and communication (NHS LINK therapists attending)
- **Thursday May 23rd** - Healthy habits: sleep, eating, general well-being
- **Thursday June 27th** - Preparing for the summer holidays (Include Us 2 attending)

World Book Day Thursday 7th March 2024

Dress up as your favourite character from a book – if you are able to, bring in a donation (suggested £1.00) for the World Book Day charity. If your child chooses not to dress up then school uniform is to be worn.

We will be hosting a 'Travelling Book Fair' in the hall on Thursday 7th March, Friday 8th March and Monday 11th March. There will be over 200 book titles available for you to browse and buy! Every purchase earns our school rewards, which can be used to exchange for free books for our classrooms and library.

New for 2024: every child will be given a £1.00 World Book Day token which can be used to exchange for one of a range of amazing World Book Day books that will be available in school this year.

Comic Relief Friday 15th March 2024

On Friday 15th March, we will be supporting and raising money for 'Red Nose Day 2024'.

We invite the children to come to school dressed in all things 'red' for a donation of £1.00 to Comic Relief. If your child chooses not to dress up then, school uniform is to be worn.

During the day, the children will be learning about the work of the charity as well as participating in a variety of activities to promote the cause.

Parent-Carer Consultations 12th and 14th March 2024

You have been notified of our forthcoming parent/carer and teacher meetings, please sign up for an appointment using our Parentmail system or contact the office. If you do not sign up we will issue you with an appointment. We look forward to seeing you in school for these important meetings.

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.

Staff News

We wish Mrs Malita Page all the very best as she marries Bill this weekend and returns to work on Monday as Mrs Musgrave-Wood.

Wishing you all a good weekend – keep warm and dry!

Ms Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Declan** as he has made a great start to his learning journey at St Mary's. Declan loves to learn and always tries his best. He has made lots of new friends and is a kind member of the class. Well done Declan!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Yadah**! Yadah showed great resilience during our writing task this week, and wrote two whole pages of the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears, using finger spaces, full stops and spelling phonetically! Well done Yadah!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Lavin** as she is a hardworking, kind and sensible member of our class. Lavin always listens to instructions and tries her best in everything she does. Lavin is a fantastic friend to her peers and is a pleasure to teach. Keep making us proud Lavin!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Lucas** as he has been a real star this week! He has been attentive in all our lessons and Miss Smith has highly praised Lucas for his engagement during her group lessons. Lucas has tried his very best to ignore distractions in class and make mature choices. What an amazing week – well done Lucas, we are very proud of you!

Class 4 – **Mallory** is Penguins Class Learner of the Week for the brilliant effort she has made in class; she is always a 'shining light' with her behaviour and attitude. Mallory has impressed us with her understanding of our class text and has answered some amazing inference questions. Well done Mallory!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week has listened carefully to the advice they were given last week about how to make their time in school more positive. They have been following instructions well and working hard in class to complete set tasks. Keep showing us the 'best version' of yourself because you are an Awesome Orca!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Cezar**! Since recently joining our class, Cezar has made a fantastic start to life in Year Six. He comes into school every day with a big smile, bounce in his step and a fantastic attitude. He makes us all laugh daily with his jokes and superstar dance moves! Cezar tries his best with all of his learning and tackles every problem head first. Keep up the amazing work Cezar!

HOUSE POINTS

1st – FISHER – 170 points
2nd – LANG – 155 points
3rd – TEMPLE – 133 points
4th – RAMSEY – 98 points

The winning House for best attendance this week is……

LANG !!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 5 – 90 points
Joint 2nd – Class R & Class 4 – 80 points

Go with the Flo…

NEWS JUST IN!!!

We have just been informed that the Government are going to fund the National School Breakfast Programme for another year. This means that we will be able to continue to offer every child in the school a bagel as they arrive in class every morning until July 2025.

We have found that the children really enjoy the bagels and in fact, some children are having seconds at playtime!

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

SEND Spotlight

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

Kent Emotional Wellbeing Teams
Medway Emotional Support Teams

Online Parent Workshops

Aimed at parents of children in primary school

Understanding Your Child's Behaviour

Monday 11th March 10.30-12.30pm

*Workshop timings change from term to term

Are you currently experiencing difficulties with your child at home? Would you like to come and meet with other parents and carers and learn about ways to enjoy your time more with your child?

You are invited to a workshop about understanding and communicating with your child. It will help you consider factors which influence behaviour. We also discuss techniques that you can use at home for behaviours that you feel are difficult to manage.

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: 355 740 310 135 Passcode: cG2zbH

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

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

Our theme for Collective Worship this term is – THE JOURNEY THROUGH LENT TO EASTER.

This week was an introduction to the idea of fairness with an exploration of Fairtrade for the rest of the week.

We thought about when we have said or heard the words, 'it's not fair' and wondered what that means. Christians believe that the writers of the 'wisdom books' of the Bible looked out at the world and realised that things did not always make sense/were not always fair. We considered what this writer in the Bible had seen when he wrote the words.

The fast runner does not always win the race. The strong army does not always win the battle. The wise man does not always have food. The smart man does not always become wealthy. And the man with special skills does not always receive praise.

Have you ever seen or experienced anything like this? Can you think of any ways that you could think of to act to help make life fairer to those around you?

Thought for the Week

Parent Governor

Have you thought about becoming a parent governor?

If you are interested in this role we would love to hear from you.

Please look out for information being sent via ParentMail in the near future.

Parent / Carer Consultations

Years R to 6

Tuesday 12th & Thursday 14th March 2024

Appointments for our Parent / Carer Consultations can be booked via ParentMail now

The deadline to book your appointment is

Thursday, 7th March

Term 4 2024

Monday 4th March:

Tuesday 5th March:
Team Building & Inclusive Sports Club – Years 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 6th March:

Thursday 7th March:
World Book Day
Travelling Book Fair – School Hall
Multi-Sports Club – Years 4, 5 & 6

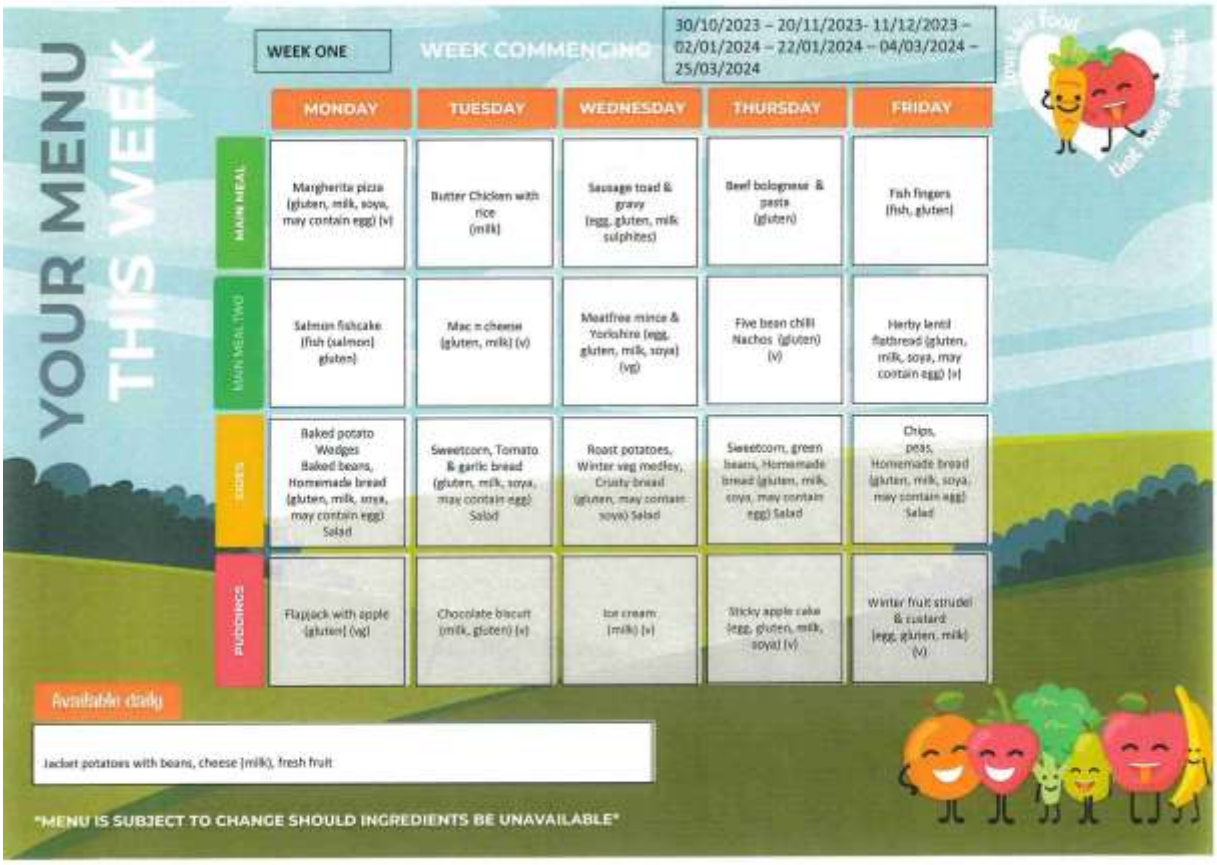
Friday 8th March:
Travelling Book Fair – School Hall

Lunch Menu – Week 1

Week beginning Monday 4th March 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 ONE

WEEK COMMENCING 30/10/2023 – 20/11/2023- 11/12/2023 – 02/01/2024 – 22/01/2024 – 04/03/2024 – 25/03/2024

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Margherita pizza (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) (v)	Butter Chicken with rice (milk)	Sausage toad & gravy (egg, gluten, milk sulphites)	Beef bolognese & pasta (gluten)	Fish fingers (fish, gluten)
MAIN MEAL TWO	Salmon fishcake (fish (salmon) gluten)	Mac n cheese (gluten, milk) (v)	Meatfree mince & Yorkshire (egg, gluten, milk, soya) (vg)	Five bean chilli Nachos (gluten) (v)	Herby lentil flatbread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) (v)
SIDES	Baked potato Wedges Baked beans, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Sweetcorn, Tomato & garlic bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Roast potatoes, Winter veg medley, Crusty bread (gluten, may contain soya) Salad	Sweetcorn, green beans, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad	Chips, peas, Homemade bread (gluten, milk, soya, may contain egg) Salad
PUDDINGS	Flapjack with apple (gluten) (vg)	Chocolate biscuit (milk, gluten) (v)	Ice cream (milk) (v)	Sticky apple cake (egg, gluten, milk, soya) (v)	Winter fruit strudel & custard (egg, gluten, milk) (v)

Available daily

Jacket potatoes with beans, cheese (milk), fresh fruit

"MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE SHOULD INGREDIENTS BE UNAVAILABLE"

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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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