St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover

Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 15th March 2024

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance

A Message from Ms Comfort

A wild and wet morning has not dampened our Red Nose Day spirits today! Despite getting a bit soggy on the way into school this morning children and staff have certainly gone all out with their red outfits and accessories. Thank you to all for supporting this worthy charitable cause.

Reading Information Afternoon

On Wednesday afternoon we hosted a reading workshop in the school hall. Many parents from across the school attended and we were able to share the various strategies we use to teach reading. We discussed ideas for promoting reading at home as well as information from Dover library services.

Don't worry if you were unable to attend this term, we will be repeating the workshop in May. Look out for further details in due course.

Easter Service St Mary's Church Tuesday 26th March 9.30am

You will know from the schedule of dates sent out at the start of the year, and from a letter which came out this week, that we will shortly by holding our annual Easter Service at St Mary's Church. We look forward to seeing you on the day, from 9.20am.

Parent-Carer Consultation Meetings

Thank you for coming into school to see your child's work and to speak with the staff this week, it was good to see you. Class 2 meetings with Miss Sayer are rescheduled to **Tuesday, 19th and Thursday, 21st March.** A separate letter with details about this will be coming out today.

Little Lambs Visit to School

On Wednesday, 20th March we will be hosting a 'Little Lambs' parent and toddler event in the hall. Parents and children that attend the 'Little Lambs' toddler group are invited to visit our school hall from 1:45pm to 2:45pm for an hour of Easter themed activities! We look forward to welcoming you all!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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 **Lucy** as she is becoming more confident during learning time and enjoys trying different activities. Lucy has made lots of new friends and enjoys playing with them in class and on the playground. Well done Lucy!

Class 1 – Janishaa is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as she has worked really hard to complete all her learning tasks. Janishaa has been practising sitting beautifully on the carpet and engaging in our learning. We are continually impressed with Janishaa's brilliant maths skills. Well done Janishaa!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Layla**. Layla is new to our class and arrives at school every day with a smile on her face, and has already made lots of friend's. She works hard in all her learning, and has written fantastic instructions on how to make a sandwich this week. Layla is a pleasure to have in class and we are all proud of her!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Anfroi** for his kindness towards others and for making the right choices. Anfroi has shared well-thought ideas during our class discussions, particularly in R.E. when retelling the events of the Holy Week. Well done Anfroi – we are so proud of you!

Class 4 – **Ethan** is our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class for being an absolute superstar every day. He has a wonderful attitude and is keen to learn in every lesson. Ethan has impressed us with his writing, which has progressed so much since he arrived at St Mary's. He is an amazing artist, and also demonstrated fantastic tennis skills! Well done Ethan!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week has had a fantastic week! They participated enthusiastically in our drama session, taking on the role of a news reporter to retell the events of a Viking battle. They have worked hard in maths, and also applied themselves well in the spelling session with Miss Holland. Well done – you are an Awesome Orca!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Dua** for the amazing effort she applies in all subjects! Dua has recently joined our class and has settled in extremely well. She is a kind, confident and polite member of the class who always shows a willingness to learn. Dua takes pride in her presentation and has a great work ethic. Keep up the brilliant work Dua!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 3 – 88 points

Joint 2nd – Class 1, Class 5 & Class 6 – 85 points

3rd – Class R – 84 points

Go with the Flo…

Medical Appointments

Where possible, medical and dental appointments should be made outside of school hours or during the school holidays. If, however, you need to take your child out of school during the school day to attend an appointment we expect your child to be in school prior to, and after, the appointment.

Please note that we only authorise a whole day of absence for a medical or dental appointment in exceptional cases, for example, if an appointment is taking place in London. We will not be able to authorise appointments if they are for a sibling or parent.

Many thanks for your support in this matter

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

HOUSE POINTS

1st – TEMPLE – 237 points

2nd – RAMSEY – 184 points

3rd – LANG – 176 points

4th – FISHER – 142 points

The winning House for best attendance this week is……

LANG !!

Thought for the Week

Term 4 2024

Monday 18th March:

Tuesday 19th March:
Class 2 Parent / Carer Consultations
Team Building & Inclusive Sports Club – Years 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 20th March:
Little Lambs Toddler Group Visit – school hall

Thursday 21st March:
Class 2 Parent / Carer Consultation
Multi-Sports Club – Years 4, 5 & 6

Friday 22nd March:
Class 1 Collective Worship

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

As we look ahead to the journey toward Jerusalem and the events of Easter, the children looked back and remembered Incarnation (Jesus, God as man) and Gospel (the good news that Jesus brings) and linking this to Salvation (the 'Easter' concept). The children explored the meaning of faith and why Christians believe it is important. We spoke about the story of the centurion who came to visit Jesus and how amazed Jesus was with the amount of faith that he showed in him. In addition, pupils discussed 'wow moments' and how this made them feel. I wonder what 'wow moments' you have experienced and how this made you feel?

Singing Worship was joyous as always. The children and staff have been working hard practising the hymns that will be sung at the Easter Service (on 26th March) - we are all looking forward to this.

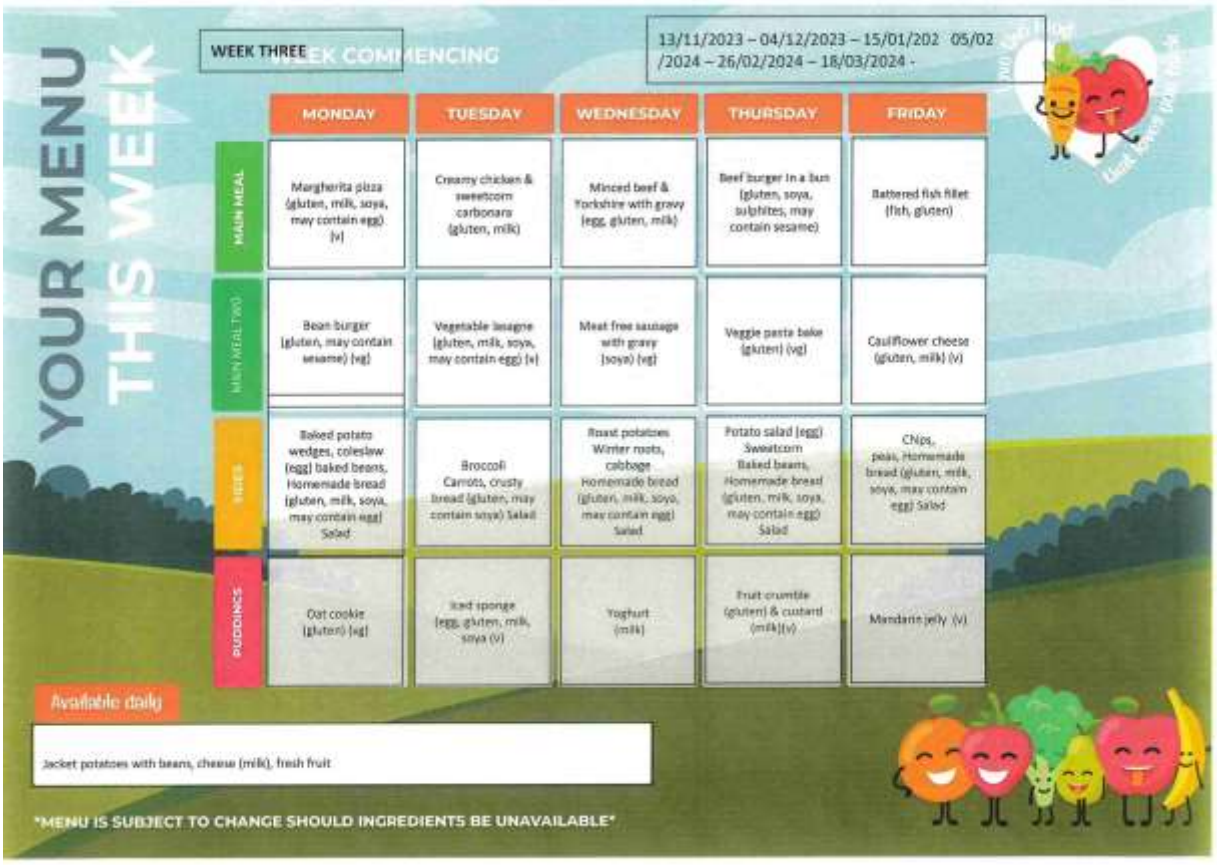
A special celebration Collective Worship was observed today, as a plethora of awards were shared as well as highlighting the importance of Comic Relief - there was a 'sea of red' seen throughout the hall - well done to all!

Lunch Menu – Week 3

Week beginning Monday 18th 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 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

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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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