

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 6th September 2024

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Welcome

Happy new school year to you all!

All staff were busy on Monday as they received their statutory safeguarding update training. We were delighted to welcome all children back to school on Tuesday – thank you to you all for your efforts with school uniform and in getting your children to school on time.

Our new Reception Class children have been superstars, happily coming into school and playing so well together during the day. There is a lot for them to get used to and they have all taken it in their stride.

As well as welcoming new children into school this week we have several new members of staff joining us. Mr Chris Townley is our new Site Manager, Miss Emma-Elizabeth Whiscombe is our new teacher in Year 6 and Miss Lucy Dillon will be teaching Class 4 on Mondays and Tuesdays. To the support staff team we welcome Miss Toni Allan and Miss Carolyn Ellis to Class 5, and Mrs Frankie Salter to Class 4.

Class 6

The children in Class 6 have risen very well to the status of being 'top of the school' this week. Some of them will sit the Kent Test next Thursday. This is the test (sometimes referred to as the 11+) which children take right at the very start of Year 6 if their families wish them to, if they pass they are able to be considered for a place at one of the grammar schools. We talk parent/carers through this process in the summer of Year 5.

Meet the Class Teacher Open Afternoon – Wednesday 11th September 3.15pm - Classes 1-6

We are looking forward to families of children in Classes 1-6 coming into school at pick-up time for our first open afternoon of the year. The families in Reception Class visited and received information last term.

Please collect your child(ren) as usual at home time and then if your child is in Class 1 or 2 come back into school via the main entrance at Laureston Place. Those of you who collect children from the bottom playground can come up the steps to the lower door on the Key Stage 2 corridor and will be let in there.

Staff will be in their classrooms, there will be a PowerPoint with information for the year ahead on the board as well as a copy for you to pick up.

Forthcoming Events

Do please keep an eye out for letters coming out very soon about the Key Stage 2 pantomime trip and extra-curricular clubs.

It has been really good to see and hear children and staff getting to know each other this week and to be settling into the routines of school life.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

What a wonderful return to school for our children as they participated - as always - beautifully in Collective Worship. The children were welcomed back and reminded of the purpose of Collective Worship and why we do it. Pupils explored the importance of reflection and why the sense of togetherness and collaboration helps us all. The children were able to recall our school's Christian values as well as our school rules - Be kind; be safe; be ready to learn. Singing Worship was as lovely as ever as the pupils sung with purpose and quality. The week was rounded off with Celebration Collective Worship as a range of awards were given out with splendid reasons given by staff.



Go with the Flo....

It was lovely to welcome the children back this week and to welcome our new Year R children. As we start a new academic year I just wanted to remind you that we at St Mary's CEP expect every child to attend school 100% of the time.

Research has shown that children with low attendance do not progress and achieve as well as those with 96% and above attendance. It is, therefore, really important for your child to be in school every day. However, if your child isn't able to attend school, please do contact the school office before 9:00am. If you do not contact the school when your child is absent this becomes a safeguarding concern which could result in the school making a home visit to check that you and your child are safe.

And finally, it is also really important that your child arrives at school on time. Children who arrive late are automatically at a disadvantage to their classmates as they may have missed teacher input about the days learning. Also, some children find it really difficult to enter a classroom or Collective Worship when everyone else is settled. So please ensure that your child arrives in school at 8.40 every day.

If you are struggling to get your child to school please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be only too happy to help.



Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer



Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – ALL of Turtles Class are our Learners of the Week as they have settled into school life at St Mary's so well! They all come into school with big smiles ready to start the day. Well done Turtles Class – we are all so proud of you!

Class 1 – Our Learners of the Week this week are **ALL of Starfish Class!** All the children have settled in beautifully to their new class and are beginning to learn new routines. They have been AMAZING! In maths the whole class have practised their counting to ten and enjoyed making leaves for our Seasons topic in science. Well done Starfish!

Class 2 – ALL of Otters Class are our Learners of the Week as they have settled in wonderfully well and have demonstrated their best behaviour all throughout the week! They have been fantastic at listening and have joined in enthusiastically during our class discussions. The Otters should all be proud of themselves for their fantastic effort this week. Well done Otters!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Thomas!** Thomas has had a fantastic first week back at St Mary's and has taken on tricky challenges in our maths lessons. Thomas has impeccable manners and is a helpful and hardworking member of the class. Keep up the amazing work Thomas – we are so proud of you!

Class 4 – Penguins Class Learner of the Week is **Omar** as he has demonstrated such a positive and enthusiastic attitude during his first week of Year 4! Omar is focussed and attentive in every lesson and is keen to do his best in every task. A wonderful attitude to start the term! Well done Omar!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Mallory!** Mallory is always smiling and always tries her best in every lesson. She is a good friend to her peers and has made a wonderful start to Year 5. It is always a pleasure to have Mallory in class. Well done Mallory – keep up the hard work!

Class 6 – ALL of Seahorses Class are our Learners of the Week! They have settled really well into their new class and have taken on the responsibility of being the oldest in the school very smoothly. Well done Seahorses Class – you are all doing brilliantly!

HOUSE POINTS

1st – **LANG** – 102 points

2nd – **FISHER** – 79 points

3rd – **TEMPLE** – 72 points

4th – **RAMSEY** – 60 points

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

LANG !!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – **Class R** – 58 points

2nd – **Class 6** – 56 points

3rd – **Class 3** – 51 points

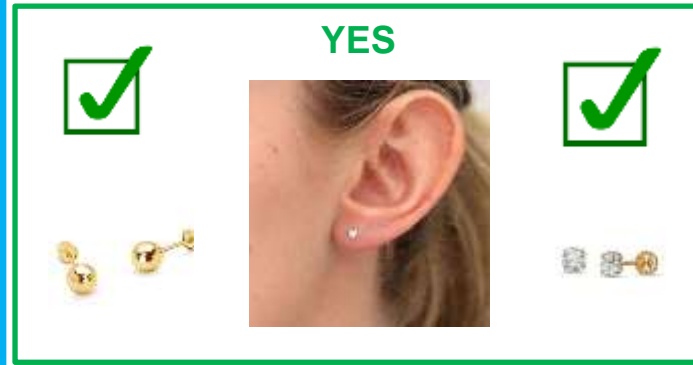
Thought for the Week

“A NEW SCHOOL YEAR MEANS NEW BEGINNINGS, NEW ADVENTURES.”

— DENISE WITMER

Earrings

Children are allowed to wear earrings to school however they must be plain studs. Dangly earrings and hoops are not allowed. Children cannot wear any earrings for PE so must be able to remove them themselves or not wear them on PE days. Thank you for your support with this important matter.



Term 1 2024
Monday 9th September:
Tuesday 10th September:
Wednesday 11th September:
Meet the Teacher – 3:15pm
Thursday 12th September:
Kent Test
Friday 13th September:

DOVER FOODBANK

MOST needed ITEMS

SEPTEMBER 2024

- MASH POTATO
- CEREAL
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED TOMATOES
- JAM
- SHOWERGEL
- COFFEE
- DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO
- CONDITIONER
- SIZE 5 NAPPIES
- SIZE 6 NAPPIES
- SIZE 7 NAPPIES

PLEASE NOTE
We have plenty of beans & pulses

INFO@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK
UNIT 7, CHARLTON CENTRE, HIGH ST, DOVER
CHARITY NO. 1188781

PRESENTS

Saucy September

1ST SEPT - 31ST SEPTEMBER

IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WE ASK THAT EACH ORGANISATION PARTICIPATING IN OUR FOOD FIGHT COLLECTION COLLECT AS MANY JARS OF PASTA SAUCE THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO. THANKYOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION.

PLEASE CONTACT PMASSISTANT@DOVER.FOODBANK.ORG.UK TO ARRANGE A COLLECTION

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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<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>




<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-C-of-E-Primary-School-820857021275490/>

<https://twitter.com/stmarysdover>

Lunch Menu – Week 2
Week beginning Monday 9th September 2024

If you pay for your child's cooked lunch, the cost will be **£2.50 a day**. This payment will be made directly to the school and must be paid for in advance. Please note payment details below: -

Name of Account - KCC RE DOVER ST MARY'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
Sort Code - 60-60-08
Account Number - 83294082
Reference – [Child's Name] Lunch

|  | | Menu - April - October 2024 | | |
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| | | Week One 03/06, 24/06, 15/07, 02/08, 23/09, 14/10 | Week Two 13/05, 10/05, 01/07, 09/09, 30/09, 21/10 | Week Three 20/05, 17/06, 08/07, 16/09, 07/10 |
| Monday | Option 1 | Battered Chicken Steak | Margherita Pizza | Tomato Pasta |
| | Option 2 | Veggie Nuggets | Vegetable Curry Pasty | Roasted Vegetable Frittata & Pasta |
| | served with | Potato Wedges Baked Beans & Peas | Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans & Peas | Garlic Bread Peas & Sweetcorn |
| | Option 3 | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans |
| Dessert | Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly | Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly | Frozen Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly | |
| Tuesday | Option 1 | Sticky pork and Pineapple Pitta | Beef Bolognese | Chicken Tacos |
| | Option 2 | *Mexican Bean Pittas | Veggie Bolognese | *Veggie Tacos |
| | served with | Rice Sweetcorn Salad | Pasta Carrots & Green Beans | Rice Carrots & Sweetcorn |
| | Option 3 | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans |
| Dessert | Iced Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly | Shortbread Fresh Fruit/Jelly | Chocolate Brownie Fresh Fruit/Jelly | |
| Wednesday | Option 1 | Roast Gammon & Gravy | Roast Chicken with Stuffing & Gravy | Sausages with Yorkshire Pud & Gravy |
| | Option 2 | *Cheesy Leek & Potato Pie | Vegetable & Chickpea Tart | Quorn Sausage & Gravy |
| | served with | Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice | Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice | Roast Potatoes Local Seasonal Vegetables & Cooks Choice |
| | Option 3 | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans |
| Dessert | Carrot Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly | Lemon Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly | Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly | |
| Thursday | Option 1 | *Pizza Pinwheel | Sausage Roll | Beef Meatballs |
| | Option 2 | Vegetable Pasta Bake | Veggie Sausage Roll | Meatless Meatballs |
| | served with | Crushed new Potatoes Coleslaw & Cucumber | Pasta Salad Coleslaw & Mixed Salad | Pasta Broccoli & Mixed Vegetables |
| | Option 3 | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans |
| Dessert | Oat Cookie Fresh Fruit/Jelly | Cornflake Tart Fresh Fruit/Jelly | Golden Krispie Cake Fresh Fruit/Jelly | |
| Friday | Option 1 | Fish Fingers | Fish Fingers | Fish Fingers |
| | Option 2 | *Cheese Puff | Veggie Nuggets | *Pizza Whirl |
| | served with | Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn | Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn | Chips/Pasta Baked Beans & Sweetcorn |
| | Option 3 | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans | *Jacket Potato with Cheese & Beans |
| Dessert | Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly | Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly | Cooks Choice of Dessert Fresh Fruit/Jelly | |
|  Suitable for Vegetarians  Suitable for Vegans & Vegetarians  Contains Fish | | All items are subject to availability Bread, Salad and fresh drinking water are available with every meal. All items with * can be made Vegan Friendly. www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk | | |