

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 20th September 2024



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Class 6 Swimmers

Year 6 began their school swimming lessons this week. They attend the Dover Leisure Centre two afternoons a week for five weeks – a total of ten lessons.

Swimming is a part of the National Curriculum so all children are required to attend. I thank our families for their support with this matter.

By the time they leave Year 6, all children should be able to swim at least 25 metres unaided. They should also be able to perform a 'self-rescue' – this means being able to roll over from a life-threatening face down position, to independently float face up breathing without panic and to swim to safety or remain in that position until help arrives. You will all agree how important this life skill is.

Class 5 will be undertaking their swimming lessons next term.

Kent Fire

This week the children were visited by the Kent Fire and Safety Service. They delivered talks to all the children across the school about the importance of checking that your home has a working smoke alarm in place. The children also learnt how to call 999 if there is an emergency and how to keep safe around candle flames.

The children really enjoyed the visit and had the opportunity to ask questions at the end.



School Clubs

School clubs start next week for those children who have applied for a place. Please be reminded that children attending a club must be collected by an adult (aged 18+ years) and you must advise in advance who this will be.

Harvest Festival

Hopefully you will have seen the letter which was sent out earlier today regarding our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church on Friday 27th September from 9:30am (for classes 1 – 6).

We are collecting for Dover Foodbank – if you are able to donate something please send it to school on Friday 27th September, or sooner if you wish. Please don't feel under pressure to send anything in, there is always plenty to share around and no child or family would ever be singled out if they do not donate – we completely understand.

Families are warmly invited to join us; you will be able to take your seats in the church from 9:25am.

Dover Foodbank most needed items include:

Mash potato
Cereal
Tinned vegetables
Tinned meat
Tinned tomatoes
Jam

Shower gel
Coffee
Deodorant
Shampoo
Conditioner
Nappies in sizes 5, 6 & 7

Reception Class 2025

We are already starting to think about our next new Reception Class. Do you have a child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021? If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2025. 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 weekend.

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

In our collective worship this week we thought about Jesus' teachings about being wise.

Jesus told a story in the Bible about two house builders (Matthew 7:24-29) – commonly known as the wise and foolish man, one who built his house on the rocks and one who did so on the sand.

How many of you have built sandcastles or dug huge holes in the sand? Have you ever tried to beat the tide and build a wall or mound to try and stop the water?

Did you succeed? The water always wins; it always knocks the sandcastles down eventually.

We thought about if the story Jesus told is just about building a house on good foundations. We wondered why Jesus told this story. Christians believe that God says those who listen to his words and put them into action are like the wise man. The Bible is full of wise sayings to help us today.

We finished off by thinking about how we could be wiser.

Thought for the Week

A smart person
knows what to say.

A wise person
knows whether or not
to say it.

Go with the Flo....

Spot the difference



You are right, they are exactly the same!

Every day school staff are having the difficult task of returning un-named items of clothing to the correct child. It is also almost impossible for staff to find lost items of clothing if the item is not named. By labelling your children's clothing it makes reuniting 'lost' items with their owners so much easier. Please can we ask that you consider using permanent markers, fabric pens or iron-on labels to clearly mark your child's name on all items, including polo shirts, trousers/skirts/dresses, coats, school jumpers and PE kit.

Thank you for your support

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Melissa!** Melissa is always smiling and listens carefully in class. She has settled into life at St Mary's so well and is a great friend to her classmates. Well done Melissa – we are all so proud of you!



Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Ada** as she has worked hard in all her learning tasks. Ada enjoys a challenge and has written some fantastic phonetically plausible sentences in English this week. Well done Ada – keep up the hard work!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Jarrar**. Jarrar has settled into Class 2 well and has been a good friend to everyone. He has been trying his best in all lessons and has completed his tasks with great care. Keep making us proud Jarrar!

Class 3 – Puffins Class Learner of the Week is **Cayden!** Cayden has had a super week and has impressed us with his fantastic place value knowledge in maths. Cayden tries his best with all his learning and produces work that he can be proud of. Cayden, you are a pleasure to have in class – keep up the fantastic work!

Class 4 – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins Class is **Anika** as she has demonstrated such a positive and enthusiastic attitude in school. Anika is focussed and attentive, and is eager to share her thoughts and knowledge in class discussions. A wonderful attitude – well done Anika!

Class 5 – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Ethan** as he has done amazingly well this week, and his maths has been especially impressive. Ethan has worked hard in English and has tried his best with all his learning this week. Well done Ethan!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Maria** as she has settled so well into Year 6. Maria is working really hard in all her lessons, and has demonstrated our Christian values of trust, respect and perseverance in all areas of school life. Well done Maria!

DOVER BIG LOCAL CIC

Urban Fete

A FREE DAY OF FAMILY FUN
21st SEPTEMBER
10.30am – 4.30pm
Pencester Gardens, Dover

Music: **Broken Seals**
AND **The Ratzkins**

Local Community Dance Groups
DBL DUCK RACE

Children's Crafts & Games with CAWCA
Food Stalls · Family Fun & Activities
Meet Dover's Community Groups
Local Makers and Traders' Stalls

www.doverbiglocal.org.uk

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – **Class 5** – 101 points

2nd – **Class R** – 100 points

3rd – **Class 6** – 97 points

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

TEMPLE !!

HOUSE POINTS

1st – **TEMPLE** – 109 Points

Joint 2nd – **LANG & RAMSEY** – 97 points

3rd – **FISHER** – 88 points

Healthy Start

Register for Kent distributed Healthy Start vitamins and you could win a NINJA blender

You qualify for Healthy Start if you're at least 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under four years old and you or your family get at least one of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (with a family income of £16,190 or less per year)
- Universal Credit (with a family take-home pay of £408 or less per month)

You also qualify if you are under 18 and pregnant even if you don't get any of the above benefits.

To find out more about Healthy Start and to register for Healthy Start vitamins, for a chance to win a Ninja blender, go to: www.kent.gov.uk/healthystart
Draw will be 31st October 2024

NHS Kent County Council

Term 1 2024

Monday 23rd September:
Class 6 Swimming

Tuesday 24th September:
Class 4 Ukulele Sessions
Multi-Skills Club – Classes 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 25th September:
Autism Awareness Parent Course
Class 6 Swimming
Minecraft Coding Club

Thursday 26th September:
Football Club – Classes 4, 5 & 6

Friday 27th September:
Harvest Festival

DOVER FOODBANK MOST needed ITEMS HARVEST 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
DA11 7NL, UK

Folkestone Model Railway Club

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, CT20 2DZ
Sat 5th & Sun 6th October 2024, 10am-5pm

Supported by:
BACHMANN
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Quality Since 1855
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ADULT (16+): £8
CHILD(5-15): £3 FAMILY: £21

www.folkestone-mrc.com

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 1 Week beginning Monday 23rd 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		
		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		All items are subject to availability		
 Suitable for Vegans & Vegetarians		Bread, Salad and fresh drinking water are available with every meal		
 Contains Fish		All items with * can be made Vegan Friendly		
		www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk		