

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



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024



## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Mrs Comfort

### Harvest Thanks

We were overwhelmed with the generosity shown through the donations which came into school for our Harvest Festival Service last week – we are all so lucky to be part of such a fantastic school community; thank you! Thank you also to those who were able to join us at St Mary's Church last Friday as we gave thanks for the food we have. The children and staff did a great job – sharing poems, prayers, art-work, song, Bible readings and factual information too!

### Rainy Days!

Goodness me, we have had some wet weather this term. Thank you for kitting your children out with coats and shoes to keep them as dry as possible. Fingers crossed for some kinder weather soon.

### School Attendance – Every School Day Matters

Mr Lamprell and Mrs Morris spoke to the whole school about the importance of good school attendance on Monday. They engaged the children interactively, helping them to focus on acceptable reasons for being absent from school. The children were confident in understanding that the only valid reason for missing school is if they are too unwell or if they have a medical appointment which cannot be arranged for any other time. None of the following reasons will do: going shopping; school uniform is in the wash; going on holiday; woke up late; raining; having a runny nose/cold; the car has broken down; birthday! It is imperative that your child is in school every day so they do not miss out on their learning.

### Parent Reading Workshop – 2:15pm Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October

I am very pleased to invite you all to a parent reading workshop at school on Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October. Mrs Wallis will be sharing how we teach reading across our school, as well as resources and strategies you can use at home when reading with your child. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask us any questions about reading at home.

### Reception Class 2025

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 contact the office on 01304 206887 / [office@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net)

Mrs Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

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

Following on from our Harvest Festival, Revd Melissa discussed the importance of Harvest gifts and how we give thanks.

The children explored why it is imperative to help those less fortunate within our community with information shared about our local Food Bank; clear reference was made to our school values and narrative.

Pupils explained how they can be a 'voice for the voiceless' and 'let their light shine before others' with the actions that they take. In addition, the children had a wonderful Singing Worship this week as they thoroughly enjoyed Miss Whiscombe's piano and singing skills!





## **Learner of the Week**

### **Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:**

**Class R** – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Damian** as he has demonstrated really good listening skills in class. Damian comes into school with a smile on his face every day, ready to learn. Well done Damian!

**Class 1** – **Joe** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class as he is a superstar writer and had produced his best piece of writing when re-telling a verse from our seasonal weather poem! Joe is also doing a super job each morning being our bagel monitor! Well done Joe!

**Class 2** – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **Nelisiwe**. Nelisiwe is a kind, respectful and hard-working member of our class. She consistently demonstrates our Christian values and follows our school rules. Nelisiwe concentrates well on her handwriting, and produces written tasks with an extremely neat presentation. Keep making us proud Nelisiwe!

**Class 3** – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class has produced some fantastic work this week. They have written a fantastic news report in English, and is a natural when it comes to maths. They are always ready to learn and displays a positive attitude in school. Keep up the fantastic work!

**Class 4** – **Sapphire-Rose** is Penguins Class Learner of the Week as she has shown an amazing attitude towards all of our learning. Sapphire-Rose tries her best with every task, listens intently and always works to the best of her ability. Well done Sapphire-Rose – we are very proud of you!

**Class 5** – Orcas Class Learner of the Week is **Aiden** as the dedication he shows to his learning has shone through again this week. The effort Aiden is putting into improving his handwriting is exceptional, and he is a pleasure to teach. Well done Aiden – you should be very proud of yourself.

**Class 6** – **Ramadan** is our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class as he has been working really hard in his lessons this week, especially in maths and English. Ramadan has shown great perseverance with his learning and has been listening carefully to instructions. Well done Ramadan – your hard work has really paid off.

## **Spotlight on SEN...**

Kent County Council (KCC) are committed to improving support for autistic pupils in the county so that they can better access mainstream schools and get the support that they require.

We are working with educational establishments in a number of ways within this aim, and one of our key offers is the Autistic Educational Trust training and support offer which your child's educational establishment has accessed.

We would like to ask you as a parent/carer of an autistic child pupil (including young people on the Autism Diagnosis waiting list and those that identify as autistic but are not pursuing diagnosis), whether you would assist us by completing the attached online questionnaire, developed by the national Autism Education Trust.

The aim of the questionnaire is to assess what level of impact the AET training and support is having on autistic children's educational experience in Kent. Please see the link below, to the online questionnaire

**Live:** <https://surveys.clearoutcome.co.uk/s/AETParentKent/>

**Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO**

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Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

## Thought for the Week

Be like a  
flower, survive  
the rain but use  
it to grow.

### Term 1 2024

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October:  
Class 6 Swimming

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October:  
Class 4 Ukulele Sessions  
Multi-Skills Club – Classes 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October:  
NHS Flu Immunisation – Year R to 6  
Autism Awareness Parent Course - 9:30am  
Parent Reading Workshop – 2:15pm  
Class 6 Swimming  
Minecraft Coding Club

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October:  
Football Club – Classes 4, 5 & 6

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October:  
Class 2 Family Collective Worship

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

**FISHER !!**

### HOUSE POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> – **LANG** – 120 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> – **TEMPLE** – 117 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> – **RAMSEY** – 110 points  
4<sup>th</sup> – **FISHER** – 105 points

### GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> – **Class 5** – 106 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> – **Class 2** – 105 points  
**Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> – Class 1** 103 points



# Little Sips BIG ADVENTURES

Dear parent/guardian,

As you may be aware your child's school has a milk scheme, administered by Cool Milk. Mid-morning milk provides a much-needed nutritional boost and keeps children hydrated between breakfast and lunch. Children receive free milk until the age of 5. After that, they can continue to reap the benefits of fresh mid-morning milk at a subsidised\* cost.

If you'd like to opt in and have not already done so, simply register your child at [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register). Your child(ren) will continue to receive free milk whilst under the age of 5 and Cool Milk will get in touch with further information by email shortly before their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday.

For children who are already over 5, it's not too late – our scheme is flexible! As well as being able to register and make payment straight away, you can join and cancel the scheme at any time. We offer yearly, termly and half termly payment periods and a recurring payment option to give you one less thing to remember.

If you already have an online Cool Milk account for a sibling, you can manage your account, make payment and add extra children by logging in at [www.coolmilk.com/parents](http://www.coolmilk.com/parents).

Should you have any questions or need any help, send us a message at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact) or give us a call on the number listed below – we're here to help!

Kind regards,

*Cool Milk*

☎: 0800 321 3248

🌐: [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)



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\*Milk for under-5s is fully funded by DHSC via the Nursery Milk Scheme. Milk for over-5s is subsidised by Defra via the School Milk Scheme.

Cool Milk at School Ltd | Cool Milk House | Kingsley Park | Kingsley Road | Lincoln | LN6 3TA | ☎ 0800 321 3248 | 🌐 [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.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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**Lunch Menu – Week 3**  
**Week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 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  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.		
		<a href="http://www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk">www.wholeschoolmeals.co.uk</a>		