

St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 18th October 2024



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Mrs Comfort

Black History Month - October 2024

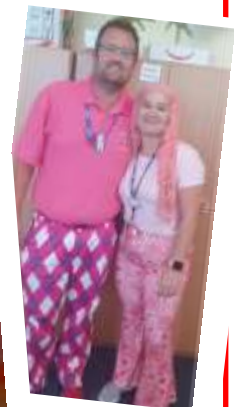
Children and staff celebrated Black History Month this week by finding out about the lives of well-known black people.

The children were asked to create a written piece and/or an artistic piece focused on their person.

Can your child tell you which person their class found out about and anything about their life? Answers are elsewhere in this newsletter. We will be producing a lovely display of work about these people – do keep an eye out on our social media platform for photos!

In the Pink!

Did you spot any of our staff wearing pink today in support of Breast Cancer Awareness? Huge thanks to Miss Sayer for leading on this day and to the staff in their fundraising efforts - **£131.94** has been raised so far!



Dover Singing Festival

Class 6 attended a local singing festival at Charlton Church this week. The children joined with other schools in the area to perform a variety of songs with 'nonsense' lyrics. They thoroughly enjoyed an accompaniment from a live band in the church and sang songs including: Nelly the Elephant, Right Said Fred and The Witch Doctor.



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. We have been overwhelmed with the number of New Intake Tours that Mr Lamprell has carried out already. Please remember to contact the office on 01304 206887 / office@stmarysprimary.net

Mrs 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 **Phinley** as he always tries his best and shows a positive attitude towards his learning! Phinley has wowed us this week with his super reading! Well done Phinley!



Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Ivy-Lou!** Ivy-Lou has shown an amazing attitude to learning this week and has really impressed us with her phonics confidence and knowledge! Ivy-Lou is always the first to show how we should act in the classroom and is an amazing role model to others. Keep going Ivy-Lou!

Class 2 – Romany-Mai is Otters Class Learner of the Week as she has a positive attitude to her learning and always tries her best. Romany-Mai is a kind and helpful member of our class and a fantastic friend to her peers. Keep making us proud Romany-Mai!

Class 3 – Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Stacey!** Stacey has worked unbelievably hard this week, putting maximum effort into every task. She has written a brilliant story in English, and has also been a maths wizard this week! Keep that fantastic smile on your face Stacey!

Class 4 – Zante is Penguins Class Learner of the Week as he has really impressed us with his concentration! Zante has worked extremely hard in all subjects, especially maths. He has also amazed us with his wonderful sentences all about mountains. Well done Zante – a brilliant week!

Class 5 – Henley is our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class as his work has been fantastic! Henley has impressed us all with his efforts in English writing, even when he found things difficult. Henley's effort and determination has shone through this week and he has been a really pleasure to teach. Well done Henley!

Class 6 – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses Class is **Millie** as she always demonstrates an exemplary attitude towards her learning. Millie always shows all of our Christian values, but this week we have been especially impressed by her demonstration of peace and trust. Keep it up Millie!

Go with the Flo....

ATTENDANCE EVERY DAY MATTERS EVEN FRIDAYS!

As you know we are working hard to improve our school's attendance rate and we have definitely seen an improvement in our overall attendance. This means that most children are now taking full advantage of every learning opportunity available to them and we would like to say a massive THANK YOU to all the parents who are working hard to get their children into school every day.

However, we have noticed that, for some reason, the overall attendance rate on a Friday is lower than any other day in the school week. We are not sure why this might be but we just wanted to remind everyone that teaching and learning takes place **EVERY** day of the school week. Fridays are a day when teachers reinforce and consolidate what has been taught during the week and Fridays are often the day when new topics and themes for the next weeks learning are introduced. So, being off school on a Friday could mean that your child could be missing out on this important input and therefore at a disadvantage to their peers.

Research shows that children with high levels of school attendance are higher achievers and we know as parents we only want the best for our children. So again, thank you in supporting us to achieve this by ensuring your child attends school every day.

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

Following on from our Collective Worship theme from last week we learnt about the name El Roi (EL raw-EE).

In the Bible stories in the Old Testament there were many times where people went through difficult and challenging times, but they were reassured knowing that their God was watching over them and would bless their lives and families.

In Genesis 16, a servant girl who was running away because she was afraid of her mistress who was angry with her met with God – this is what she found out about God (El Roi) *“So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, “You are ‘God who sees,’ because I have truly seen the one who looks after me.” Genesis 16:13*

We wondered what Christians think about God watching over them. We also wondered why the Bible describes God in this way.

Christians believe that God watches over us because He loves us, like a loving parent who watches over their children.

Spotlight on SEN...



STEPPING STONES

Stepping Stones is an 8-week programme for children aged 4-7 years and focuses on building confidence and boosting self-esteem. There is a safe and nurturing environment providing the opportunity for children to meet with their peers and engage in a variety of group based activities.

Please call us on the number below to request a place. Confirmation will be made following a phone conversation with one of the session leads.

8-week programme (term time only)
Tuesdays (17th September - 19th November)
(excluding 29th October and 5th November)
3:15pm - 4:45pm

At Buckland Family Hub

St Nicholas Church, The Linces, Dover, CT16 2BN

For more information and to book your place please call 03000 414941 or email doverfamilyhubs@kent.gov.uk



Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCO

Term 1 2024

Monday 21st October:

Tuesday 22nd October:

NHS National Child Measurement
Programme Screening – Year R & Year 6
Class 4 Ukulele Sessions
Multi-Skills Club – Classes 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 23rd October:

Thursday 24th October:

SEND Parent Coffee Morning – 9:00am
Football Club – Classes 4, 5 & 6

Friday 25th October:

LAST DAY OF TERM 1

Thought for the Week



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

TEMPLE !!



Who did the classes find out about for Black History Month..?

Class R - Garrett Morgan - Traffic light inventor!

Class 1 - Mae Jemison

Class 2 - Floella Benjamin

Class 3 - Jean-Michel Basquiat

Class 4 - Alma Thomas

Class 5 - Marcus Rashford

Class 6 - Martin Luther King



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st - **Class 6** - 95 points

2nd - **Class 4** - 87 points

3rd - **Class R** - 71 points

HOUSE POINTS

1st - **LANG** - 110 points

2nd - **RAMSEY** - 95 points

3rd - **FISHER** - 89 points

4th - **TEMPLE** - 79 points

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://twitter.com/stmarysdover>

Lunch Menu – Week 2 Week beginning Monday 21st 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 03/08, 24/08, 15/09, 02/10, 23/09, 14/10	Week Two 13/05, 10/06, 01/07, 09/08, 30/09, 21/10	Week Three 20/05, 17/06, 08/07, 16/08, 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		