



Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary

Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 26th June 2020



Message from the Headteacher

Staffing Arrangements for Next Academic Year

We have some staff changes which will come into effect from September 2020 which I would like to share with you.

Mrs Debra Berbiers will be leaving St Mary's at the end of this term having secured a teaching post closer to home. I thank her for all that she has contributed to St Mary's over the past 12 years and wish her well in her new venture.

Mrs Alison Trelfer will continue in the role of Acting Head of School as the new school year begins, and Mrs Hilary Shaw will continue to work one day a week as our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo). Mrs Emma Fagg (was known as Denne) has returned from maternity leave this term.

In light of the fact that this academic year has been disrupted by the COVID-19 situation, I have planned, where we are able to do so, for children to have the same class teacher next year as they have had for this year. I feel this approach will contribute to supporting the children back into the routine of a typical school year, and also enable any gaps in learning to be quickly addressed.

To that end class teacher allocations for next year are as follows: -

Reception Class	Miss Sam Riley
Class 1	Mrs Emma Fagg for 3 days and a newly appointed teacher for 2 days – details to follow
Class 2	Mr Andrew Venning
Class 3	A newly appointed teacher – details to follow
Class 4	Miss Amber Sayer
Class 5	Mrs Sandy Muller
Class 6	Miss Kirsty Loges

Reporting to Parents

We are finalising end of year reports which will be posted home to you during the week beginning 6th July.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Message from the Class Teacher

Hello Dolphins,

Wow – what a scorcher of a week we have had. We hope you've enjoyed the sunshine. We are now officially in summer and so the days will sadly get shorter. What is your favourite thing about summer?

At the start of the week, you received a letter about this year's Sports Day. Sadly, we cannot host our traditional events, however, we believe, that this is going to be equally as fun. What is your favourite activity listed? You have approximately 2 weeks to practice to see if you can perfect the skills. Are you going to ask any family members to join in with you? We are all really looking forward to seeing what activities you choose; then announcing the overall winners for Summer 2020. All teachers want to join in too. We hope it makes you smile.

I hope you enjoyed the home learning last week. Did you enjoy learning about William Shakespeare? Have you experimented with shadows? It is interesting to watch your shadow change at different points of the day. Many more exciting activities are planned for you for next week. Please continue to share what you have enjoyed.

I am able to respond to emails Wednesday to Friday (emma.fagg@stmarysprimary.net), yet please feel free to contact Mrs Trelfer Monday and Tuesday.

I look forward to hearing about your learning. Stay safe and take care. Continue to enjoy your family time! ☺

Thought for the Week

'Be always humble, gentle and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another'
Ephesians 4:2 GNB

Useful Weblinks

Fingers crossed that we continue to have good weather:

<https://www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/30DaysWild>

<https://www.verywellfamily.com/great-outdoor-games-for-kids-620396>

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 29th June 2020



Next week, you will be learning continuing to explore 'The Odyssey' in Literacy and developing further your calculation skills. You will also learn about Rio de Janeiro in Brazil and about Space for Science. You can even create an alien space craft from a paper plate or a rocket from a toilet roll tube. Enjoy the home learning! If you have any queries or would like ideas for additional tasks to extend learning even further please do not hesitate to contact. Have a lovely week! ☺

