

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## A Message from Ms Comfort

### Thank you

Many thanks to all of you for being so accommodating regarding looking out for symptoms which could be Covid-19, keeping us well informed and seeking PCR tests if needed. I know how difficult it is at the moment due to other winter coughs, colds and illnesses but you will understand that we all still need to check for Covid. I am pleased to say that due to all of your efforts we currently have no identified cases of Covid in school.

### Walk with Amal

Class 4 welcomed Frazer from Future Foundry into school on Thursday. He worked with the children and staff to make lanterns out of green willow. These will form part of a procession to Dover Castle later in the month which the children and families of Class 4 are invited to attend. This is one part of the journey of Little Amal a 3.5m tall puppet of a refugee child which is travelling from Syria to Manchester. We are very pleased to have been invited to be a part of this important event.

### St Mary's Little Lambs

Mrs Trish Simmons, one of our school governors, is running a parent and toddler group at the Parish Centre each Friday. She tells me the sessions are going really well and are very well attended. If you would like to join this group and have some time with other parent/carers and their toddlers please telephone 01304 213899 or 07392 806486.

### Staff News

Mrs Carol Morley who works in our school office will be leaving us at the end of this term. Many of you will have had contact with her on the telephone, by email or in person in pre-Covid times. I would like to thank her for all that she has given to St Mary's CEP during her time with us and the for support she has given to so many families, children and staff. I know how highly she is thought of and am sure you will all join me in wishing her well in her new venture.

### End of Term 1

Term 1 finishes for the children next Friday – 15th October. Staff training days are being held from the week beginning 18th October and children are not to attend school then. Term 2 starts on Monday 1st November and we look forward to seeing all children back at school then.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

### FAIR PLAY AWARD

1<sup>st</sup> – **RAMSEY** – 144 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – **LANG** – 135 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – **TEMPLE** – 98 points

4<sup>th</sup> – **FISHER** – 95 points



### GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – Class 1 – 132 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 6 – 130 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – Class R – 112 points



### Attendance

Class R – 84.2%

Class 1 – 81.8%

Class 2 – 92.9%

Class 3 – 86.9%

Class 4 – 93.3%

**Class 5 – 96.2%**

Class 6 – 93.9%

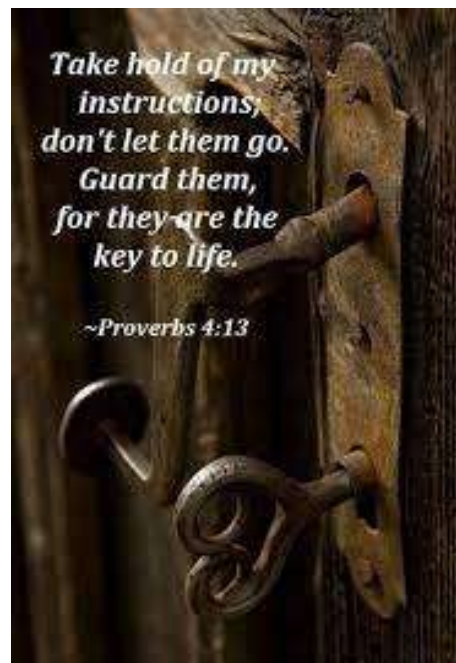
Whole school –

89.9%

### Thought for the Week

Take hold of my  
instructions,  
don't let them go.  
Guard them,  
for they are the  
key to life.

~Proverbs 4:13



## Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Be proud of yourself

**Class R** - Learner of the Week in Turtles class is **Niamh** for her super work in Phonics. She has tried hard to remember our new letter sound and has also enjoyed writing her own name and different letter of the alphabet! Well done Niamh - we are so proud of you.

**Class 2** - **Mallory** is Otter's Learner of the Week as she is an absolute star. She is always keen to learn EVERYTHING. She listens and absorbs; she always works to the best of her ability and is a wonderful learning partner for others. Well done Mallory - we are extremely proud of you!

**Class 3** - **Sebastian** is Puffins Learner of the Week this week as he has been working hard to recognise tens and ones in two-digit numbers. Sebastian has approached his learning with enthusiasm and is always ready to complete any challenge set by an adult. It has been fantastic to see him grow in confidence! Well done Sebastian!

**Class 4** - **Eliza** is Penguins Learner of the Week for being an amazing friend and always trying her best. Eliza was fantastic in our workshop this week; she listened to every instruction and created the most amazing lantern. Eliza tries her best in everything she does and completes all her work to a brilliant standard. Keep up the fantastic work Eliza - we are all very proud of you!

**Class 5** - **Chloe G** is Orca's Learner of the Week. She always makes good choices and this enables her to maximise her learning opportunities. Chloe sets a great example for the class and represents our school with pride. Well done Chloe!

**Class 6** - **Maya** is Seahorses Learner of the Week! She always demonstrates our Christian values and is a fantastic member of our class. This week Maya has produced some wonderful work, taking great pride in her presentation. She has taken time to complete all her homework tasks to a high standard. Keep up the excellent work Maya - we are all proud of you!

### Go with the Flo...

Dear families,

I hope you have all had a good week and are looking forward to the (hopefully drier) weekend!

This week I wanted to share with you the 'Kent Resilience Hub' - this resource was set up to help young people, parents and carers to understand emotional wellbeing and resilience.

The hub allows you to find answers to questions you may have, when you don't know where to turn to. It covers lots of different topics relating to emotions and behaviours and has various different resources that can be accessed.

You can find out more information at <https://kentresiliencehub.org.uk/>

And, of course, if there are any questions or topics you would like to talk through with myself - please do not hesitate to call.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, before we start our final week of term!

**Miss Claire Yarnley - Family Liaison Officer**

### Collective Worship at St Mary's

This week Collective Worship focused on 'Wisdom for Life' which fits perfectly with our school motto of 'Learning for life with God as our guide.'

We recognised and celebrated the many opportunities that we all have for learning - at school and home. We also thought about all of the important things we learn from birth until we start school.

On Friday Class 3 led our Collective Worship - they presented their recent learning about the rainforests and how we must care for them.



WHY FIT IN  
WHEN YOU WERE BORN  
TO **STAND** OUT?

-Dr. Seuss

**ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**

**Lunch Menu - Week 3**  
Week beginning Mon 11<sup>th</sup> October  
**£2.33 per day**

Follow the link below to view the menu:

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=979&type=pdf>

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

[www.principals-catering.com](http://www.principals-catering.com)

## The week ahead...

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October  
Class 6 swimming

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October  
Class 6 swimming

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October  
Last day of Term 1

Term 2 begins on  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

### Rapid Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing

Household members of primary age children are eligible to access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Tests are fast, easy and free. You can order home test kits online. [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#) or you can collect from a home test kit collection point. [Find your nearest home test kit collection point](#). Please note that these tests are for **adults within the family, not the children.**

Follow these links to our website and social media

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

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

<https://twitter.com/stmarysdover>

### Coronavirus Symptoms

Children or staff with any of the three symptoms of Covid:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

are to **stay at home** and isolate. They should get a Covid test.

The rest of the household do not need to isolate **IF** they are under the age of 18 years 6 months or have been double vaccinated – please note this important change. It is recommended that contacts of a confirmed case do undertake a PCR test.

If your child tests positive for Covid you must immediately inform the school – by telephone on 01304 206887 during the school day. If you get a positive result at the weekend, during the evening or in a school holiday please email [office@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net)

To get a test go online to:

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

OR

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

OR

Telephone 111

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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