

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## A Message from Ms Comfort

### End of Term 1

The children finish Term 1 today with the staff doing so at the end of next week following our training days. Thank you to all children and families for their support as this school year has started. We have enjoyed starting to bring back a sense of normality for the children during their time at school. Relaxed groupings for lunchtime, playtime and Collective Worship have benefited the children and staff.

I would like to thank the children and staff for their hard work this term and for their many achievements.

### Parent/Carer Consultations

We are going to undertake forthcoming parent/carers consultation meetings by telephone. You will receive information during the first week back about the time for your appointment with the class teacher. Telephone meetings will be held from the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> November.

### Christmas Plans

We are working to ensure that parent/carers can join us in school, in person, for our infant nativity performances and at church for our carol concerts. We have missed having you all in school and I know many of you have missed being able to join us.

### Reception Class 2022

Applications for our Reception Class 2022 open on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021. We are very pleased to offer tours of the school for prospective new families – please telephone the school office to make an appointment. Please note that the deadline for applications is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Do spread the word to people you know who may be interested in a place in our next new class.

### Open Afternoon Powerpoint Presentations

These are available for you to view in our 'Classes' page on our website.

### Term 2

**Term 2 begins on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** and we look forward to all children returning on that date. In the meantime I wish you all a good half term- break.

**Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

## Collective Worship at St Mary's

'What's in a name?'

The children and staff explored how and why our names are important.

They reflected on what our names mean <https://www.behindthename.com/> is a useful website which helps you to explore the meanings. We will be learning about some of the names which the Israelites used to describe God in the Old Testament.

The word Elohim (e-lo-HEEM) is the first name of God given in the Old Testament, meaning creator. You could talk with your child about why this name was given. The children have also learned about the creation story in Genesis this week and Revd Catherine Tucker visited on Wednesday and explained about us being created in the image of God.

## Go with the Flo...

Dear families,

The time has come to put the school bags away, turn off the school alarm, and hopefully have a little less busyness in the mornings...for a few days at least!

It has been a pleasure to work alongside you and your family this term. I thank you for all your communication - the 'phone calls, emails, and conversations at the gate. They have all helped me, to help our St Mary's children.

I look forward to seeing you all for an exciting Term 2. In the meantime, I am wishing you all a relaxing half-term, filled with beautiful memories.

I will be working at school all of next week, so please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help in any way.

**Miss Claire Yarnley - Family Liaison Officer**

## Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

**Class R - George** is Turtles Learner of the Week! He comes into school every day with a smile on his face ready to learn. He loves to help others and regularly demonstrates our Christian values. George has tried really hard in all areas of the curriculum this week. Well done!



**Class 1 - Lenka** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish class as she has been really focused on completing her learning. She is sounding out confidently and building up words in her phonics group, and enjoys playing bingo. She laughed lots and really enjoyed creating rainbow bubbles. Well done Lenka!

**Class 2 - Otters Learner of the Week is Hope** for her wonderful effort and attitude towards all of her learning. She has impressed us with her rapid recall of number bonds to 10, and then used this to find number bonds to 100! She has also written an amazing and detailed conclusion in Science explaining why she found the majority of minibeasts living in a specific habitat. Well done Hope - we are extremely proud of you!

**Class 4 - Denis** is Penguins Learner of the Week for always following our school rules and displaying our Christian values. Denis is always kind to his friends; safe when moving around the school and ready to learn as soon as he walks into the classroom. Denis comes to school with a smile on his face and makes us proud every day through the work he produces. Keep up the good work Denis!

**Class 5 - Learner of the Week in Orca class is Bailey** as he consistently shows his caring and compassion. He is very supportive to his peers and helps to resolve conflicts. In class he gets straight on with his work and always produces high quality work in all lessons. Well done Bailey!

**Class 6 - Suriya** is our Learner of the Week for his fantastic effort in maths, leading him to master long division! He has shown our Christian values and is an active participant in class, offering thoughts and ideas which are well received. He has enjoyed going swimming this term and it has been wonderful seeing him enjoy the experience. Keep up the hard work Suriya!

## Author Visit

On Friday 5th November we will be visited by the author Jo Clarke. She presents CITV's Wild World and writes about falcons and looking after the environment. You can explore her website here

<https://www.jcclarkeauthor.com/>

She will be spending time with the children in Classes 4, 5 and 6 talking about her life as an author, sharing stories with the children and inspiring them in their own writing.

You can buy her books on her website and if you'd like them signed on the day she is happy to do that. We have a 30% discount if you use the code. They will not be available to buy at school on the day.



## Thought for the Week



## GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Class R - 122 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Classes 4 & 5 - 120 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Class 6 - 75 points



## FAIR PLAY AWARD

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **TEMPLE** - 84 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **RAMSEY** - 83 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **LANG** - 82 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> - **FISHER** - 79 points

**ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**

**Lunch Menu - Week 2**  
Week beginning Mon 1<sup>st</sup> November  
**£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)



Class R – 88.8%  
Class 1 – 80.4%  
Class 2 – 81.7%  
Class 3 – 83.1%  
Class 4 – 89.6%  
**Class 5 – 89.9%**  
Class 6 – 89.0%

Whole school – 86.1%

## The week ahead...

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**First day of Term 2**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November

**Author workshops in Classes 4, 5 & 6**

### 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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