

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021



## A Message from Ms Comfort

Welcome to Term 2! I hope you were able to have an enjoyable time during the half term holiday.

Our staff training week of 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> October went very well. All staff received updated first aid and safeguarding training. In addition teaching staff worked on ways to develop children's writing. All classes have been putting new plans into practice this week – your child may be able to explain to you about learning and re-telling a familiar story as well as drawing and writing story-maps to help them with their composition.

Each of our teachers has responsibility for one or more subjects across the school – our subject leaders spent time during our training week exploring how best to carry out this role. They reviewed plans and resources and worked with staff to further develop each subject.

### Remembrance

Thank you very much for your support with the annual British Legion collection. Paper poppies and gifts will be sold until Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November. Children are welcome to purchase a paper poppy by making a kind donation. In addition, children can purchase other 'Poppy Appeal' gifts at the following suggested donations:

Zip pull – 0.50p

Keyring Poppy Reflector – 0.50p

Silicon Wristband - £1

Snap Band - £1.50

### Little Amal

You may have seen the news coverage of Little Amal's journey from Syria to Manchester. Little Amal is an amazing animated puppet and is not little at all! She has been making this journey in recognition of the plight of so many refugees. Class 4 children and families, Mr and Mrs Trelfer and Miss Sayer joined the procession through Dover to the castle on the evening of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. They were incredibly lucky as the wet and windy weather stopped and they were able to hold the paper lanterns they had made at school. A very moving event for all involved which we were very pleased to be a part of.



### Parent/Carer Consultations

You will all have received a time for a telephone consultation with your child's class teacher. These appointments came out by post and should have been received by you during the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> October. The telephone calls will be happening during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> November – the teachers will call you! If you do not know what your time is, or you cannot make the time you have been given, please contact the school office.

### Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE), including Relationships and Sex Education

You will shortly be receiving a letter about our new PSHE curriculum and we would dearly like to hear your views. If you are able to have a look at the information sent and the links to further information on the school website I would be most grateful. As with all matters, please don't hesitate to make contact for further information or clarification.

**Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

### Learners of the Week

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

Class 6 - Awarded for fantastic effort towards learning, contributing well in class discussions and starting this new term brilliantly.

Class 5 - Awarded for being an excellent role model by showing good sportsmanship in PE as well as presenting neat work in RE - an excellent week overall.

Class 4 - Katie.A-C - positive attitude towards her learning. She tries her best at everything she does and relishes a challenge. She has contributed superbly in our Literacy lessons when re-telling the story.

Class 3 - Mia.A - being an absolute superstar! She is a helpful member of the class and always works hard in Literacy - she particularly enjoyed re-telling her story using props and puppets. She demonstrated fantastic skills in PE, performing her jumps and turns with control.

Class 2 - Henley.J - he has impressed his adults with his excellent Maths learning. He also produced an amazing habitat for his animal (in Science) collecting natural resources. He always works with enthusiasm and independence.

Class 1 - Anfroï - he has wowed us with his learning this week. He is a good friend and supportive member of the class.

Class R - Aria.C - she has made a fantastic start to this term trying her best at everything she completes. She is kind to others and a great friend - well done!

### **Thought for the Week**

LOVE

**LOVE is patient**

**LOVE is kind**

**LOVE does not envy**

**LOVE does not boast**

**LOVE is not conceited**

**1 Corinthians 13:4**

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### **GOLDEN MANNER POINTS**

3rd - 70 - Class 6 and 4

2nd - 72 - Class R

1st - 80 - Class 3



### **HOUSE POINTS**

1st – Ramsey – 110 points

Joint 2nd – Lang/ Fisher - 80 points

4th – Temple – 71 points

### **Collective Worship at St Mary's**

Revd Catherine spoke about love in Collective Worship this week. She involved the children reading and asked lots of questions about what love is and why it is important.

We were also pleased to introduce two new awards this week.

Homework Certificates will be presented by class teachers to children who complete their homework regularly and/or have produced a superb piece of homework. We want to celebrate the effort which children and their families make with this work.

Our new Shining Light Awards will be presented by class staff to anyone who has gone 'above and beyond' in demonstrating one or more of our school Christian Values.

Peace



Friendship



Respect



Trust



Perseverance



The names of the children who receive these awards will be shared in our Celebration Assembly on Fridays and from next week will appear in the newsletter.

**ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**

**Lunch Menu - Week 3**  
Week beginning Mon 8<sup>th</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 - 91.8%  
Class 1 - 93.8%  
Class 2 - 90.6%  
Class 3 - 93.1%  
Class 4 - 96.7%  
Class 5 - 94.9%  
Class 6 - 91.4%

Whole school – 93%

## The week ahead...

**Clubs start this week**  
**Parent/Teacher Telephone Consultations**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**

**Class 5 Swimming**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

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**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**Class 5 Trip**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

## Reception Class 2022

Applications for our Reception Class 2022 open today. We are very pleased to offer tours of the school for prospective new families – please telephone the school office to make an appointment. Do spread the word to people you know who may be interested in a place in our next new class.

## 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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