

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021



## A Message from Ms Comfort

### Staff Absence

We have been beset by an unusually high level of staff absence this week – all non-COVID related. You will appreciate the impact this has on our planned provision. Thank you to parent/carers for your patience with regards class cover and cancelled and postponed parent/carer appointments. We will be in touch with parent/carers where appointments need to be rescheduled.

### Class 5 Trip to Dover Castle

Class 5 kicked off our series of annual class visits to Dover Castle this week. Each class visits the castle every year – we are so fortunate to be able to walk to this site from school and to be able to explore it for free.

The staff and children enjoyed the view from the lookout. They also laid a wreath of poppies in the grounds of the castle and paid tribute with a minute of silence at 11am on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month.



### Collective Worship at St Mary's - Lest we Forget

We displayed our school Book of Remembrance this week and thought about the men named within during our special Remembrance Collective Worship this week.

### Parent/Carer Consultations

Thank you to those of you who were able to speak with the class teachers this week. As always, if you have any further questions, queries or comments please don't hesitate to contact Mr Lamprell or me.

### Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need

We shall be supporting these events next week – please see elsewhere in this newsletter for further information.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

**Helen Comfort**  
**Executive Headteacher**

## Information about Squid Games

We put the safeguarding of children at the centre and heart of all that we do and online safety, both at school and at home, is of paramount importance given the digital world that children are so familiar with and spend so much time in.

Squid Game is a certificated 15 TV series on Netflix which includes content not permitted for viewers under the certificated age. As well as on Netflix, scenes and modified versions of the series can be found on YouTube and games, such as Roblox.

We aim to be proactive to ensure that your child is safe and not accessing inappropriate content. Therefore, we kindly ask parents/carers to be vigilant and monitor their child's use of devices.

**Matthew Lamprell, Head of School**

## Antibullying Week

Next week, the week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> November, is 'Antibullying Week'. In school, your child will be participating in a range of activities; they will participate in discussions about bullying – what it is, what to do if they are being bullied/witnessing bullying. There will also be opportunities for them to reflect on their own actions and understand the impact that some actions can have. On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November, our KS2 children will be completing a national online survey about bullying, anonymously.

Other activities include 'Kindness Vouchers', designing an 'Anti-Bullying Superhero' and concluding the week with 'Children in Need'.

If you would like to discuss your child's well-being in school, please feel free to contact their class teacher or Miss Claire Yarnley, [flo@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:flo@stmarysprimary.net), our Family Liaison Officer.



#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

## Author Visit

The author, Jo Clark, who was in school last Friday, sent the following email of thanks to Mrs Trelfer and the children. Well done everybody.

I just wanted to say a big thank you for having me today - I enjoyed being with you all so much and all the children are just lovely! It was such a pleasure to work with them. Jo Clark

## Reception Class 2022

Applications for our Reception Class 2022 are now open. 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.

We're supporting  
**BBC**  
**Children**  
**in Need**



We are very excited to be raising money for Children in Need this year on **Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November**.

The children are invited to come to school (on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November) dressed in spots or bright colours in exchange for a donation to the Children in Need Appeal. The suggested donation is £1.

As well as this, we would like the children to start collecting copper and silver coins to contribute to our pennies for Pudsey. The children will be filling a giant Pudsey bear with all the coins they have collected. These will then be collected up and counted, with all proceeds donated to Children in Need.

We are very much looking forward to raising money for this wonderful charity.

## Photographs

The individual pupil photographs will take place on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November – clean uniform, shiny faces and a big smile please!



## Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class 6 - Luke  
Class 5 - Csaba  
Class 4 - Amelia  
Class 2 - Harley  
Class 1 - Sofia  
Class R - Thomas



## **GOLDEN MANNER POINTS**

3rd - 80 – Class 4  
2nd - 85 – Class 6  
1st – 90 points – Class R



## **HOUSE POINTS**

1st – **Lang** – 138 points  
2nd – **Ramsey** – 89 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> - **Temple** – 84 points  
4th – **Fisher** – 59 points

Class R – 89.9%

Class 1 – 91.5%

Class 2 – 90.5%

Class 3 – 86.59%

Class 4 – 92.1%

Class 5 – 91.2%

Class 6 – 93.1%

Whole school – 91.2%

## **Attendance**



## **Thought for the Week**



## **The week ahead...**

Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> November

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November

Class 5 Swimming

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> November

Class 5 Swimming

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> November

Individual Photographs

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Need charity fundraising – come to school dressed up in spots or bright colours in exchange for a donation to the charity.

## **Go with the Flo...**

Happy Friday everyone.

I hope you have all had a positive and productive week.

This week I wanted to share with you the 'Place2Be' parenting website. This website has an abundance of information and parenting advice from child mental health experts. It provides practical tips to support children's wellbeing and behaviour.

It is a clear, easy to use website, that covers lots of topics related to every day challenges a child may experience, as well as more significant events. Some examples include:

- advice regarding separation anxiety
- routines
- safe social media
- co-parenting

More information can be found at:

[https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm\\_source=Schools&utm\\_campaign=4179f45443-Non-Partner Schools Newsletter November 2021&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_c6b02a1e38-4179f45443-220705499](https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/?utm_source=Schools&utm_campaign=4179f45443-Non-Partner%20Schools%20Newsletter%20November%202021&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_c6b02a1e38-4179f45443-220705499)

I wish you and your family a wonderful weekend.

Miss Claire Yarnley



**ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**

### Lunch Menu - **Week 1**

Week beginning Mon 15<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)

### **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>



St Mary's Parish Centre

27<sup>th</sup> November

9.30am - 3.30pm

Tombola

Raffle

Hook-A-Duck

Christmas Floral Decorations

Christmas Cards

Christmas Craft Tables

Refreshments - Tea, Coffee, Mince Pies, Bacon Rolls

Come and visit Father Christmas

Plus much more!!!!



### **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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