

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021



## A Message from Ms Comfort

### Black History Month

Look out for pictures on our social media of the outcome of the recent work completed by all classes in recognition of Black History Month. The classes explored the lives and impact of inspirational people such as: Marcus Rashford; Bishop Rose; Walter Tull; Mary Seacole; Mae Jemison; Matthew Henson. The children completed a range of creative activities which promoted our Christian Values as well as diversity and equality.



### Anti-Bullying Week

The children have participated in many activities that have enabled them to understand the importance of friendship, kindness and strategies to deal with negative behaviour. KS2 children completed an online questionnaire which helped to focus on mental health and well-being. Pupils were keen to share their amazing learning this week - again, look out for pictures on our social media.

### Personal, Social, Health Education (PSHE)

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time and trouble to read the PSHE letter which came out earlier this week and to respond.

There is still time to respond, the deadline is Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November so please send in your response early next week.

### Children in Need

Thank you for all the donations given by families - the children looked fabulous in their spotty-themed outfits. Collective Worship explored Children in Need and the importance of the charity. St Mary's children have been busy completing lots of fun learning activities - a particular favourite being 'Pennies for Pudsey'. And once again, look out for updates on our social media



**Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

### Photographs

Individual pupil photographs were taken yesterday and you were given the proof card at collection time. Keep this card safe as you will need to use it to order the photographs. You will be able to order from early next week and we will send details of the order deadline as soon as the photo company inform us of this. Please note that orders can only be made online – please follow the instructions on the proof card.



### Learners of the Week

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

Class 5 - Alex  
Class 4 - Denis  
Class 3 - Leo  
Class 2 - Sonia  
Class 1 - Brian  
Class R - Eavie-Mai



### 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.

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

What a pleasure it has been to hear about the children's work they have been doing in association with anti-bullying week.

It is wonderful to see our St Mary's pupils sharing our values and encouraging kindness in our school community.

The children are continuously growing and learning the importance of being kind to others, as well as themselves. I thank you all for your support in keeping in contact with the school and helping us support the children with this.

As always, please do contact me at any time if you have any concerns or worries you wish to talk through. I am at the other end of the 'phone and together we can resolve your worries and support our children.

I am wishing you all a restful weekend, filled with lots of kindness and laughter.



Miss Claire Yarnley.

### **Thought for the Week**

**A sweet  
friendship  
refreshes the soul.**

—Proverbs 27:9



### **GOLDEN MANNER POINTS**

4<sup>th</sup> – Class 5 – 60 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Class 3 -65 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 6 – 85 points  
1<sup>st</sup> – Class 4 – 105 points



### **HOUSE POINTS**

1<sup>st</sup> – **Lang** – 152 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> – **Fisher** – 140 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> – **Ramsey** – 102 points  
4<sup>th</sup> – **Temple** – 98 points

### Collective Worship

In Collective Worship this week we thought about how we all need friends, including the qualities that make a good friend and how we show these. This fitted perfectly with the theme of 'One Kind Word' which we have also been exploring as part of our anti-bullying week work. We thought about how it feels to be left out, why people leave others out and why people choose not to help if they see someone who is left out.

We used the story in 1 Samuel 19 to think about how Saul treated David. One of the things that happened to David was that King Saul tried to isolate him and leave him out because he knew that God had chosen David as the next king. Saul became jealous and attacked David in different ways – he even tried to kill David. David escaped and found people who supported him and helped him to become the king as God intended.

We understand that leaving other people out in ways that mean that they have no-one to befriend or support them can be a form of bullying and we are going to continue to work hard to make sure that this does not happen in our school.

**ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**

## Lunch Menu - **Week 2**

Week beginning Mon 22<sup>nd</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**.

### **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



Class R -84%

Class 1 - 84%

Class 2 - 79%

Class 3 - 90%

Class 4 - 79%

Class 5 - 88%

Class 6 - 94%

Whole school – 88.2%

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

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November**

Class R Telephone Parent Consultations (see your appointment information)

**Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Class 5 Swimming

**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> November**

Class 5 Swimming

Class R Telephone Parent Consultations (see your appointment information)

**Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Deadline to respond to the PSHE consultation

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> November**

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>

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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