

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 26th November 2021



A Message from Ms Comfort

At last... it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

The tree has been decorated today, the decorated hoops have been hung in the hall and the nativity has been set out. It feels good to be getting into the Christmas spirit – something we all need to cheer us on these dark and chilly days of winter.

Hopefully you will all have seen the Christmas letters which came out this week which explain the arrangements for our Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity.

We are very much hoping to run our Christmas events with audiences, you will appreciate that this will be dependent on infection rates within our school community at the time. If you have any questions or concerns about our plans please do let me know.

We have had a good response to the letter about our Key Stage 2 Disco. The deadline for returning slips for this is Monday 29th November.

Back in Time with Class 6!

The children and adults experienced school life during Victorian times this week. Dressed as Victorians – complete with flat caps, aprons, long skirts and shorts – the children spent the day learning as Victorians; lessons included writing with a quill, singing the National Anthem, Drill, Needlework, Technical Drawing, Reading, Writing and Arithmetic and learning a poem off by heart. Miss Loges was extremely strict!



COVID-19

We know that regular Lateral Flow Testing works very well to identify COVID infection; thank you to families who are using these. The use of LFTs has definitely prevented people with infection coming into school.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thank you!



We raised an amazing **£162.00** for
Children in Need
Well done everybody.

Go with the Flo...

Good afternoon parents, carers and families.

With technology developing faster than we can keep up (and children far better at it than we are), I wanted to share a helpful resource about online safety.

'Thinkuknow' is an educational programme which aims to support children to feel safe online. It has different age appropriate sections, games, videos and questions for children to learn about online safety. It covers topics such as privacy, kindness to others online, and sharing safely online. There is also parent/carers sections.

You can find this programme using the following link:
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> Miss Claire Yarnley

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class 6 - Rudie - Her superb attitude towards her learning. Rudie has written a wonderful suspense filled description about an old derelict house and a mysterious creature who lives inside.

Class 5 - Scarlett - In all areas of learning this week Scarlett has shown enthusiasm and a willingness to try.

Class 4 - Saphira - is learner of the week for her fantastic effort in every lesson. She has demonstrated perseverance and determination towards every challenge this week.

Class 3 - Ezel - We are proud of Ezel for the confidence and independence he has shown in Maths lessons this week Ezel has enjoyed exploring addition and subtraction, using manipulatives to help him solve a range of sums.

Class 2 - The learner of the week in Otters has been an absolute star. She approached every activity with wonderful enthusiasm. She is always polite, helpful and brilliantly behaved.

Class 1 - Zante - Making everyone smile in class and trying really hard.

Class R - Elif - She has had a fantastic week and shown a really positive attitude towards her learning.

Thought for the Week



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

3rd – Class 5 – 60 points

Joint 2nd – Classes 2 and 4 - 75 points

1st – Class 6 – 100 points



HOUSE POINTS

Joint 1st – **Ramsey & Fisher**
135 points

3rd – **Lang** - 133 points

4th – **Temple** – 109 points

Collective Worship at St Mary's

We completed our exploration of friendship in Collective Worship this week and thought in particular about making right choices. With Advent starting on Sunday in the following weeks we will be thinking about the ways in which Christians prepare for Christmas and the message of hope that Christians turn to during the season of Advent.

SHINING LIGHT

Year 3 – Millie & Phoebe

Year 4 - Katie

WORD OWL

Class 6 – Hit over a millionwords this week

WORD WIZARD

Class 2 – Most number of Children reading and taking a quiz this week

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - **Week 3**

Week beginning Mon 29th 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

Attendance



Class R - 86 %

Class 1 - 84%

Class 2 - 78%

Class 3 - 91%

Class 4 - 91%

Class 5 - 91%

Class 6 - 94%

Whole school – 88%

The week ahead...

Monday, 29th November

Deadline to purchase Disco ticket

Tuesday, 30th November

Class 5 Swimming

Wednesday, 1st December

Class 5 Swimming

Thursday, 2nd December

Last day to order individual Photographs
From Van Cols - see proof card

Friday, 3rd December

KS2 Disco (Ticket only) 3.30pm – 5.00pm

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.

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

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