

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 17th December 2021



A Message from Ms Comfort

It's Christmas time!

As this term draws to a close I would like to thank all children and staff for their hard work and dedication to always doing the very best they can. I would also like to thank families for their ongoing support.

It has certainly been a very busy last week with cinema and pantomime trips out as well as Christmas lunch and jumper day and our annual Carol Concert. Thank you for your understanding regarding our change of plans with this event. As we break up and take down our school decorations we are all looking forward to our family Christmas celebrations.

Return to School

The new term starts on **Tuesday 4th January 2022** – I look forward to seeing you all then and to welcoming in the new year.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's

This week we considered how the characters in the Christmas story felt – perhaps sad, anxious, frightened, angry or bereft. We wondered how the innkeepers who had no room felt, turning Mary and Joseph away; how the sheep felt, who were disturbed by a very bright light (angels) and then were taken (or left behind) to go and see a new baby; how Mary and Joseph's family felt if they heard about Herod's anger, but had to wait several years before Mary and Joseph returned.

Christians believe that because of Jesus, they can trust God and don't need to live in fear. 'Do not be afraid' the angels said. Luke 2:10



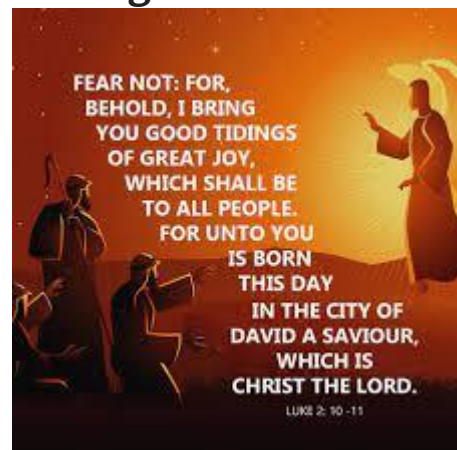
Christingle Service

St. Mary's Church, Cannon Street, Dover.

Friday, 24th December at 4pm

Traditional Christmas service, designed especially with children in mind. Bring Granny, too!

Thought for the Week



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Year R - Zala - For her fantastic attitude towards her learning. She has worked hard in all areas of the curriculum and has shown perseverance when completing activities.

Year 1 - Lenka - She has been a star this week. She has been listening and taking part in all sessions with enthusiasm.

Year 2 - Eliza - She has shown our Christian values brilliantly throughout all of the Christmas celebrations. She perseveres with every activity with wonderful enthusiasm.

Year 3 - Fernanda - We have been impressed by all of her hard work and perseverance with her learning. We are very proud of the progress she has made.

Year 4 - Camden - He has been the life and soul of the classroom this week. He has made everyone smile and has been the cause of a great amount of joy and laughter.

Year 5 - This child has shown some real enthusiasm for his learning recently and I have been pleased to see his enjoyment demonstrated through a big smile on his face.

Year 6 - Sienna - Is a kind caring and thoughtful member of the class who demonstrates our Christian values well. She works hard during learning time and always produces wonderful work which is beautifully presented.

WORD OWL

Class 6 - 76,025 words this week

WORD WIZARD

Class 4 - 117,291 words this week



*This Christmas,
may your presents
be many, your
worries few, and
your joy endless.*



Inspirational Christmas Messages © AllWording.com

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

5th - Class 3

Joint 4th – Classes R and 5

3rd – Class 4

Joint 2nd – Classes 1 & 6

1st – Class 2



HOUSE POINTS

1st — **Fisher** – 135 points

2nd – **Lang** – 131 points

3rd - **Ramsey** - 121 points

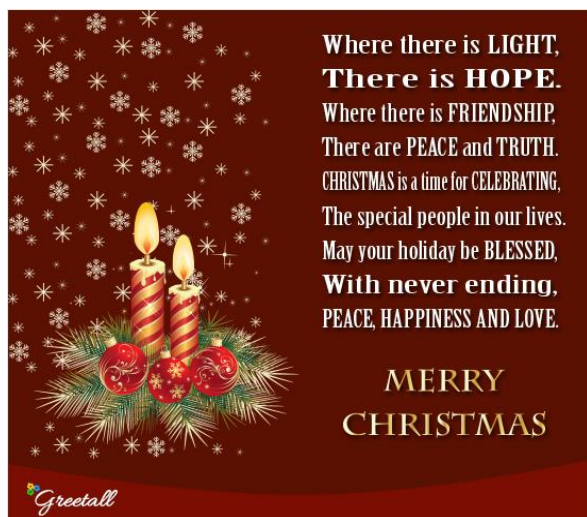
4th – **Temple** – 86 points

WINNER OF TERM 2

Ramsey – 367 Points

ATTENDANCE LETTERS

You will all have received your child's attendance letter by now. Meetings will be arranged in the New Year where necessary.



Go with the Flo

Dear parents and carers,

It's time to pack the school bags away and replace them with bags of chocolate.

I just wanted to wish each and every one of you a very merry, safe and restful Christmas. I hope you create some magical memories with your children.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you this year and I thank you for all your communication. I look forward to continuing this in the new and exciting year ahead

Stay safe.

The warmest of wishes,

Miss Claire Yarnley.

Class R – 88%

Class 1 – 96%

Class 2 – 95%

Class 3 – 89%

Class 4 – 90%

Class 5 – 92%

Class 6 – 88%



Whole school – 91%

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu – Week 3
Week beginning Tuesday 4th January
£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

Rapid Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing

Household member 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 collection point](#). Please note that these tests are for **adults within the family, not the children.**

Coronavirus Symptoms

Children with any of the three symptoms of Covid:

- a new continuous cough;
- a fever;
- a change in taste or smell

are to stay at home and isolate. They should get a PCR Covid test.

To get a test go online to:

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) OR
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> OR
 Telephone 111

Updated Guidance

Adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 to 18 years and 6 months identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are strongly advised to take a lateral flow device (LFD) test every day for 7 days. They may continue to attend school as normal, unless they have a positive test result. This is a significant change to previously.

Keeping School Informed

If your child tests positive for Covid you must inform the school – by telephone on 01304 206887 during the school day. If your child tests positive 'out of hours' we do not need to know until the morning of the first day of absence – as with all sickness absence.

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-1-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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