

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 14th<sup>th</sup> January 2022



## A Message from Ms Comfort

### Parent Governor Vacancies

Do you have some time to give to the school in a voluntary capacity? Would you be interested in joining our governing body? If so look out for a letter coming out next week seeking nominations for two new parent governors for St Mary's.

The Governors meet once a term – on a Wednesday at 4.30pm and meetings last for about an hour and a half to two hours. In usual times these meetings are held at the school, for the last couple of years they have been via video link. There are papers to read before the meeting in preparation for the conversations to be had. In addition to a meeting once a term, governors need to be able to give time to coming into school between meetings to meet with senior leaders or subject leaders and to visit the classes. There is also a requirement to attend training – courses are put on by the education department in Kent and, at the moment, are all held via video link. The courses are very accessible, are aimed at governors - most of whom are not educational professionals - and help governors to understand their role and responsibilities.

Governors work as a team – no-one is expected to know everything and the contributions of all governors, including parent governors, helps the governing body to support the school to be the best it can be.

When the letter comes out which seeks nominations do please give this some thought. If you would like any further information you are welcome to speak to me or Mr Lamprell or Liz Fisher our Chair of Governors, Trish Simmons and Joe Yarrow our Vice-Chairs.

### Reception Class 2022

Applications to the local authority <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places#tab-2> for our new Reception Class 2022 close on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January – please contact the school office for help with completing this.

### Covid-19

Please continue to use Lateral Flow Tests and to keep an eye on any symptoms which your child has – headaches, upset stomachs and generally feeling under the weather are all indicators that you or your child may have Covid-19, as well as the three main symptoms of a cough, temperature or change in taste/smell.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

## Collective Worship at St Mary's

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In our Collective Worship this week we thought about questions – we reflected on how many we ask in a day, how many are asked of us and which are most important. Christians recognise that one of the most important questions Jesus asked his disciples was 'Who do you say that I am?'. This was because of the speculation about who Jesus was – for some people like religious political leaders Jesus was a threat, for others Jesus was seen as a figure to lead them to freedom, for his disciples he was their friend and teacher. We understand that the answer given to the question that Jesus asked would result in some people following him and others not doing so.

### Class 4 Family Assembly

The school was amazed at the superb learning shared by Class 4 in Celebration Collective Worship. Children spoke confidently about their current learning, specifically focusing on the environment. Pupils shared the importance of looking after the environment and to help protect endangered species. Class 4 wowed us all with their fabulous art-work display - please see our social media for photos.

### Learners of the Week

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

Class 6 - Grace - For her superb effort during lesson time. She has produced some truly amazing work this week with her presentation being top-notch! Her African folk-tale story has been a pleasure to read. Grace you should be incredibly proud of yourself.

Class 5 - Chloe - Has shown great enthusiasm for her learning this week. She has been noticeably making an extra effort to engage and contribute in class. Fantastic effort this week. Well done.

Class 4 - Chase - Has tried his best with all his learning this week. He has challenged himself in Maths lessons and enjoyed carrying out our Science investigation. He has made fantastic progress in Violin lessons. Keep up the great work!

Class 3 - Edward - Is a popular and kind member of the class. This week he has worked hard to create a fantastic diary entry based on our class story. He has created a piece of work he should be proud of.

Class 2 - Aidan - He has marvelled us with his knowledge of money and ability to add different combinations of notes and coins. He has really enjoyed our class reading book about space and has answered a range of questions confidently. A brilliant week.

Class 1 - Bryan - Well done Bryan. We are really proud of you for coming in to school this week and trying really hard in your learning.

Class R - Leo - For concentrating and always trying his best. He has wowed us with his super story telling in Literacy and has enjoyed painting a Police Car as part of our new topic 'People who help us'. Well done.

### **GO WITH THE FLO**

Happy Friday!

It has been a pleasure to see the children settle back into the school routine and for me to be able to communicate with families over the last couple of weeks.

This week I wanted to share a fantastic opportunity with you. KCC are currently offering fully funded courses delivered via zoom, designed to help give parents skills and tools to help manage conflict and behaviour at home. Information can be found at: <https://youthresilience.co.uk/>

If you would like more information or to discuss any concerns, as always please do not hesitate to get in touch via the school office or email.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Claire Yarnlev

### **GOLDEN MANNER POINTS**

6<sup>th</sup> – Class 3 – 60 points

5<sup>th</sup> – Class R – 68 Points

Joint 4<sup>th</sup> – Classes 1 & 6 – 70 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – Class 5 – 74 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 2 – 75 points

1<sup>st</sup> – Class 4 – 102 points



### **HOUSE POINTS**

1<sup>st</sup> – Ramsay – 111 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – Lang – 100 points

Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> – Temple & Fisher

90- points

### **Thought for the Week**



Class R – 88%

Class 1 – 86%

Class 2 – 94%

Class 3 – 90%

Class 4 – 93%

Class 5 – 88%

Class 6 – 91%

Whole school – 91%

### **ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**

#### **Lunch Menu - Week 2**

Week beginning Mon 17<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.principals-catering.com)

# Coronavirus Symptoms

## Updated Guidance

From 11 January in England, people without symptoms who receive positive lateral flow device (LFD) test results for coronavirus (COVID-19) will be required to self-isolate immediately and won't be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

Anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and get a PCR test (see below). They must self-isolate if they get a positive test result, even if they have had a recent negative lateral flow test – these rules have not changed.

Children or staff 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/>

Telephone 111

## Changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19

From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of the tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is the earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

## Daily testing for close contacts of COVID-19

People who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, should take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time.

## 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-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.

**Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**