

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School

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Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 21st January 2022

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A Message from Ms Comfort

Glorious sunny weather today to end the week with – plenty of opportunity for the children to chase their shadows on the playground!

Parent Governor Vacancies

I hope that you have seen the letter which came out yesterday inviting nominees for our parent governor vacancies – I wrote about these in last week's newsletter also. Do please make contact with the school or Liz Fisher, Trish Simmons and Joe Yarrow for any further information.

Reception Class 2022

Whilst the deadline to apply to the Local Authority for a place in our new Reception class has passed, we can assist with late applications so do please get in touch if you or someone you know has a child due to start school.

Have a good weekend.

Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's

In our Collective Worship this week we learnt about how Christians read in the Bible that Jesus said 'Whoever drinks the water that I will give will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in him a well of life that lasts forever' John 4:13-14.

We thought about why Jesus would describe himself as the living water and what this might teach Christians about Jesus. We understood that Christians believe Jesus to be a 'Life Giver'.

Class 2 adapted fantastically well by presenting their celebration worship virtually. Children had been researching facts about the Great Fire of London, wowing us with their retrieval knowledge. Art-work was shared depicting a brilliant silhouette of the London skyline during the Great Fire. Finally, the children sang themed songs linked to their topic learning - this was very enjoyable!

Thought for the Week

Christians believe that the story of the 'Woman at the Well' (John 4: 1-26) uses water as a symbol for love. Whenever we are running water this week each of us could consider how we are loved, accepted and known and how we could help others to feel this way.



GO WITH THE FLO

Good afternoon,

I hope you have all had a lovely week.

Sometimes as adults it can be really difficult to understand children's behaviour and what feelings they are trying to tell us about. I wanted to share an opportunity Dover District are offering which support with this. A parent/carer group is due to start next month - it is a safe, supportive, non-judgmental group to learn new techniques, ideas and strategies to understand and manage children's feelings and behaviour.

For more information you can contact: 03000 414941 / ddsc@kent.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can always contact me to discuss any concerns.

Wishing you and your family a happy weekend.

Miss Claire Yarnley.

WORD OWL – Class 6 – Most Quizzes taken this week - 22

WORD WIZARD – Class 3 – Most Quizzes taken this week - 50

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class 6 - Kai - For his expert contributions towards class discussions. He has demonstrated great knowledge about climate change, expressing what the main causes and consequences of global warming are. He has been a superstar learner this week.

Class 5 - Melissa - She has been contributing to class regularly this week and made particularly insightful observations during our reading lessons. Her ideas and explanations have really helped other members of the class. Great Work!

Class 4 - This person has been kind and polite to everyone around him, showing fantastic friendship and respect towards others. He is always ready to share his ideas during class discussions and has contributed some interesting thoughts. Well done!

Class 3 - Amber - Is a polite, kind and helpful member of the class. She is a fantastic role model for her peers. She has re-written a fantastic set of instructions based on our class book by using some brilliant adverbs. Well Done!

Class 2 - Ahmed - He has worked so hard in Literacy, he is so enthusiastic to learn. He has impressed us with his ability to recognise all money forms and count a range of combinations of money. Well done! We are extremely proud of you.

Class 1 - Waleed - Has been a superstar learner this week. He is trying and persevering in his Maths and English Well Done!

Class R - We are super proud of this person for trying her best every day this week. Her confidence continues to grow every day and she has enjoyed taking part in lots of activities alongside her peers. Well done!

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - **Week 3**
Week beginning Mon 17th 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



Class R – 88%
Class 1 – 87%
Class 2 – 93%
Class 3 – 91%
Class 4 – 93%
Class 5 – 92%
Class 6 – 91%

Whole school – 91%

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

6th – Class 2 – 49 points
5th – Class R – 65 Points
4th – Class 1 – 68 points
3rd – Class 3 – 70 points
2nd – Class 4 – 79 points
Joint 1st – Classes 5 & 6 – 90 points



HOUSE POINTS

1st – **Lang** – 263 points
2nd – **Fisher** – 221 points
3rd – **Ramsay** – 202 points
4th – **Temple** – 194 Points

Dates for your Diary...

Tuesday, 25th January
Classes 3 & 4 Multi Skills Club

Wednesday, 26th January
Classes 2, 5 & 6 – Lunchtime Choir
Classes 5 & 6 Football

Year 4 Trip – See separate letter
Deadline for replies 11th February

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.