

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 4th February 2022

A Message from Ms Comfort

Reception Class Helped Us All!

As part of their exploration of the world Reception Class have been learning about people who help us. Recently they came to school dressed up as some of the people they have been learning about – we had a class full of doctors, vets, zoo keepers, hair stylists, police officers, a roofer and even some astronauts! If you haven't seen them already there are pictures on our social media pages. Thank you to families for supporting the children with their costumes and their learning.



NSPCC Number Day

We observed the annual Number Day in school today with all things numerical! We watched an NSPCC Number Day video during our Collective Worship and spoke about how they help children. We took part in a variety of activities during maths including shops, games, investigations and practical maths where the children had a lot of fun with numbers. The NSPCC are a good source of support for children and families and can be contacted on 0800 1111.

Book Fair

We have the book fair in school at the moment which is available for every class to browse and purchase books. If your child would like to purchase a book please send in the reply slip with the payment no later than 8th February. If you would like to see what is available to your child please look at the website <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>

Reception Class 2022

Contact the school office if you or anyone you know has a child due to start in our new Reception class in September.

Covid-19

Infection rates at school remain low; thank you to you all for your support with regular lateral flow testing and with keeping an eye out for symptoms.

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 8th February

“All fun and games? Exploring respect and relationships on line.”

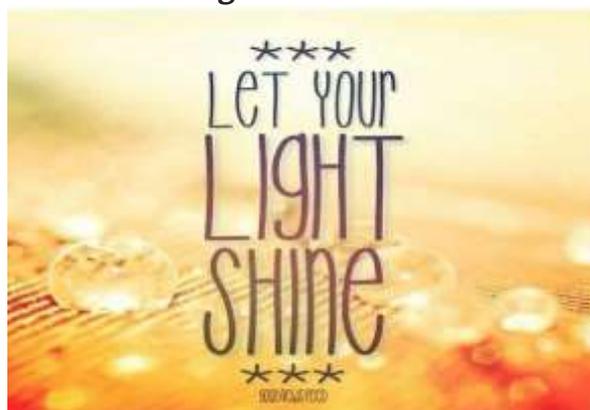
We will be learning about how to keep safe when using the internet and also about how to look after each other when we celebrate safer internet day next week.

There are lots of useful ideas at <https://www.saferinternetday.org/> which you may wish to have a look at.

Wishing you all a good weekend

Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the Week



Collective Worship at St Mary's

This week we thought about light and how it is such a powerful image. Christians think about the creation story in Genesis and the importance of light within this. Christians also think about how Jesus describes himself as the light of the world. This thinking ties in well with our chosen St Mary's Christian Narrative in Matthew 5

'You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven'.

WORD OWL – Class 6 - 425,4

WORD WIZARD – Class 4 - 313,405

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Rebecca - This week in Maths she has wowed us with her super counting and work on addition. She has also enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year and used different materials to create her own Chinese Dragon. Well done!

Class 1 - Yasmina - Well done! We are all proud of your attitude to your learning.

Class 2 - Lara - She has worked really hard and tried her best throughout the week. She always attempts every task with a wonderful enthusiasm and attitude. Well done. A great week.

Class 3 - It has been fantastic to see her confidence and independence with her learning grow. She has enjoyed acting in part of a group during our topic lessons. Well done!

Class 4 - Sanad - We have been super impressed by some amazing handwriting. He has contributed some fantastic ideas in our class discussions and created a brilliant report. Keep up the great work.

Class 5 - Radoslav - His teacher has been very proud of him this week with his attitude and how he has got stuck into everything in class. Well done!

Class 6 - Ethan - He has amazed us this week with his brilliant knowledge in algebra, proving to be an expert mathematician. He has used great brain power to solve tricky equations. Keep working hard. We are all proud of him!

GO WITH THE FLO

Good afternoon parent and carers,

With Children's Mental Health Week approaching next week, I wanted to share with you 'Place2be' campaign this year. It focuses on the importance of promoting good mental health and wellbeing for children and young people. The theme this year is 'Growing Together'. It is about growing emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow.

Their website offers parents and carers lots of helpful resources; from top tips to activity ideas to support children to reflect on their challenges and experiences, how they have grown and changed, and their aspirations for the future. They also have fantastic activities which show children who their support network is; teaching them that with support we can grow together.

You can find more information at: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Claire Yarnley.

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

Joint 6th – Classes 1 & 4 – 55 points

5th – Class R – 59 Points

4th – Class 6 – 60 points

3rd – Class 2 – 71 points

2nd – Class 3 – 75 points

1st – Class 5 – 92 points



HOUSE POINTS

1st – **Lang** – 119 points

2nd – **Fisher** – 114 points

3rd – **Ramsay** – 107 points

4th – **Temple** – 85 Points

Attendance



Class R – 86%

Class 1 - 91%

Class 2 - 94%

Class 3 - 90%

Class 4 - 87%

Class 5 - 94%

Class 6 - 93%

Whole school – 91%

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - **Week 2**

Week beginning Mon 7th 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

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/stmarysdoover>

As always, please don't hesitate to make contact via email or telephone with any queries, comments or concerns you may have.