

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 11th February 2022



A Message from Ms Comfort

As we end this term we are already half-way through this academic year! I would like to thank all families for their support and the children and staff for their hard work.

I am looking forward to further Government announcements about Covid-19 after half term and will share with you all as soon as possible any changes in the ways that we will be working at school and with you in light of these.

Book Week and Book Fair

Mrs Trelfer reports that these were very successful this week. The children bought over £600 worth of books, which gives us £300 to spend on books for classrooms in the coming months. Thank you everyone for your support.

Children have been sharing their favourite stories with their friends. These ranged from funny stories to adventure stories. Thank you for letting them bring them in.

Congratulations go to Zala, Zain, Camden and Rudie who won the design a book cover competition. They enjoyed spending their £5 book token at the fair.

After half term you will receive your £1 book voucher for World Book day on **Thursday March 3rd**. You can swap for a book in W H Smiths, Tesco, Asda or Morrisons.

Don't forget you can **dress up** as your favourite book character on this day.

Year Six took part in Canterbury Cathedral afternoon on the 31st January. They watched drone footage showing the grounds of the Cathedral and took a virtual trip inside, listening to how each part of the cathedral is used. The stained-glass windows were a big feature so we analysed these, finding a range of symbols that represent peace and salvation. After that, the children created their own stained-glass windows which have been displayed in our classroom. They look amazing on a beautiful sunny day! There are a few photographs in the staff area in our class folder called cathedral day!

Safer Internet Day Tuesday 8th February.

During the day classes spent time talking about the importance of staying safe on the internet. We shared strategies with the children on how they can stay safe when using a computer and the internet.

This is something that we advise you all to remind the children about when they are at home too. You may find the following links helpful:

[Kent Police Safer Internet Resources](#) [NSPCC - Keeping Children Safe Online](#) [Kent Advice Leaflet](#)

I wish you all a good half term break and look forward to seeing you next term. Children return to school on Monday 21st February.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the Week

And when he puts forth
his own sheep, he goes
before them, and the
sheep follow him: for they
know his voice.

—John 10:4

Collective Worship at St Mary's

In Collective Worship this week we thought about the phrase 'I am the good shepherd'. We collected Bible references and stories that we could think of which use these words. We also thought about what words best describe a person a shepherd needs to be.

Being a shepherd in Bible times was a difficult and dangerous job. Shepherds were often outside all day and night and had to fend off wild animals. The job of the shepherd was to feed, guide, protect and look after the sheep. We thought about why Jesus describes himself as a good shepherd and why Christians believe this.

Reception Class prepared a presentation which was shared during Friday's celebration assembly. They spoke about their theme of people who help us including what they want to be when they grow up.

WORD OWL – Class 6 is the winner – 298 quizzes taken this term

WORD WIZARD – Class 4 is the winner – 401 quizzes taken this term

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Lily - Her confidence is growing every day and she is happy to try new things. In literacy this week she wowed us with her super reading and writing. Well done Lily.

Class 1 - Brian - We are all very proud of you. You are coming into school with a smile on your face and you are trying all your work. Well done.

Class 2 - Marley - He has worked so hard in Literacy; he has been extremely focussed and has demonstrated fantastic writing skills. He has impressed us with his ability to draw and has created an impressive comic book.

Class 3 - Kassem - In recognition of his hard work and positive attitude towards his learning tasks. He should be proud of his fantastic efforts with his writing. He has written a super poem and wowed adults with his brilliant handwriting.

Class 4 - Katie - She is a superstar. She gives 100% with all her learning. In literacy she has written a fantastic newspaper article using informative and interesting language. Keep up the great work Katie!

Class 5 - The teacher has been impressed with his attitude towards his work. Well done!

Class 6 - Elizabeth - She is a kind, thoughtful and valued member of the class.

GO WITH THE FLO

Happy end of term everyone!

Thank you all for your communication with me this term and I look forward to continuing to work together next term.

In the meantime, it's time to pack the school bags away and enjoy a well deserve rest. Your children have worked so hard this term and so have all of you to support them.

Wishing you and your family a safe, happy and restful half-term.

I look forward to seeing you all next term.

Take care

Miss Claire Yarnley.

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

7th – Class 2 – 70 points

Joint 5th – Classes R & 4 - 75 Points

4th – Class 6 – 80 points

3rd – Class 5 – 88 points

Joint 1st – Classes 1 & 3 - 100 points



HOUSE POINTS

1st – Fisher - 162 points

2nd – Lang – 161 points

3rd – Temple – 136 points

4th – Ramsay – 132 Points

The terms winner is **Temple** with 771 points

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - Week 1

Week beginning Mon 21st February

£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 – 87%

Class 1 – 88%

Class 2 – 93%

Class 3 – 97%

Class 4 – 87%

Class 5 – 91%

Class 6 – 92%

Whole school – 91%

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.