

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School

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Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 25th February 2022

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A Message from Ms Comfort

Welcome to Term 4!

It has been lovely to have everyone back into school this week. I am pleased to report that the school site survived the storms which we had during the half term break.

Parent/Carer Consultations – 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th March

I am very pleased to say that we are going to hold in person, in school meetings – I am very much looking forward to welcoming you into school for these.

Meetings will be held in the school hall, to reduce numbers we will hold these over four evenings rather than the usual two – due to this arrangement if you have more than one child you may need to attend more than one evening. Apart from that, arrangements will be just as those who have attended before will be familiar with. You will receive a separate letter inviting you to sign up for an appointment with your child's/children's class teacher(s) today.

Living with COVID-19

You will all be aware of Government announcements this week regarding the management of matters related to COVID-19. Please see page 3 for information regarding managing symptoms and/or confirmed infection. We await further guidance for when freely available testing is no longer available – after 31st March. In the meantime we will continue to keep rooms well ventilated. Thank you for your continued support with these matters.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the Week

As a school we always encourage our children to be tolerant and supportive of other communities. We were saddened by the news about Ukraine this week and we will support the children with any questions that they may have in a bid to reassure and help them understand the situation.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has invited us to join with him in prayer this weekend.

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for all who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them

We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all of your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would like to hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Collective Worship at St Mary's

Our Bible verse this week was Mark 12 v30-31

'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.'



We have explored the theme of fairness and Fairtrade, linking to Fairtrade Fortnight. Key Stage 1 met a banana called Pablo, who explained how farmers in other countries are paid a fair wage for all the hard work they do in growing our food. We encouraged the children to seek out the Fairtrade symbol when out shopping.

We also took time to think about and pray for the children in Ukraine.

World Book Day – 3rd March – Your child has received their £1 World Book Day voucher which can be swapped for a book for FREE until 27th March. This is a great way to access new authors and have some fun at the same time. Don't forget we are encouraging the children to dress as their favourite book character on this day.

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Adrian - He has shown a fantastic attitude towards his learning in class this week and really impressed us with his questions and answers during carpet time. He has also tried super hard to improve his reading and we are very proud of him.

Class 1 - Sara - The teachers are very impressed with her attitude towards her learning and are really pleased with her great listening. Well done!

Class 2 - Emily - For her impressive learning shown throughout the week. She has wowed us with her understanding of division and recognising of odd and even numbers in maths and can retell our Literacy story brilliantly. Well done! A great week.

Class 3 - Brodie - For his fantastic learning in Literacy. He has worked so hard to rewrite the class story in his own words and we are proud of his amazing handwriting. Well done for all your hard work this week!

Class 4 - Alex - He has been a superstar this week. He has been kind and polite to everyone around him. He enjoys taking on a challenge at school and always strives to complete his work and try his best. Keep up the good work!

Class 5 - Salomea - The teacher is very impressed with her attitude and how she is gaining independence and enjoying working in small groups. She is clearly displaying our school value of perseverance.

Class 6 - He has shown great engagement in his learning and produced some truly wonderful work. Well done!

GO WITH THE FLO

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a positive week.

This week I wanted to share with you information about Kent Adult Education. They offer many free family courses which are designed for children and carers to share their learning experience in an exciting, interactive environment. The courses are also aimed to help you understand topics which may be impacting your child. The Kent based tutors promote a positive experience for you and your family.

Some examples of free courses include:

Autism Awareness
Managing children's behaviour
Keeping up with children's maths
Exploring behaviour strategies.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk/course-areas/family-courses/>

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Claire Yarnley.

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

7th Class 4 – 63 points

6th Class 2 – 65 points

5th – Class 1 – 73 points

4th – Class 3 - 75 Points

3rd – Class R – 90 points

2nd – Class 5 – 94 points

1st – Class 6 - 105 points



HOUSE POINTS

1st – Temple - 131 points

2nd – Ramsay – 87 points

3rd – Lang – 85 points

4th – Fisher – 77 Points



Class R – 92 %

Class 1 - 87%

Class 2 - 91 %

Class 3 - 95%

Class 4 - 97%

Class 5 - 95%

Class 6 - 93%

Whole school – 93 %

Parent/Carers Consultation Evening

**Classes 1, 4, 5 and 6 to take place on
Monday, 7th March and
Tuesday 8th March**

**Classes R, 2 and 3 to take place on
Wednesday, 9th March and Thursday,
10th March.**

**Don't forget to return your slips to
the school office by**

Tuesday, 1st March

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - Week 2
Week beginning Monday, 28th 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

Easter Hamper Raffle

We are gathering together prizes for our Easter Raffle.

In the coming weeks you will receive 2 books of tickets that you could purchase.

All monies raised will support the improvement of our school library and book corners in classes.

The draw will take place during the last week of term.



Updated Guidance

From 24th February there is no longer a legal requirement for people with coronavirus (COVID-19) infection to self-isolate, however if you have any of the main symptoms of COVID-19 or a positive test result, the public health advice is to stay at home and avoid contact with other people.

The main symptoms of COVID-19 are a recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have any of these symptoms you should book a PCR test. If you have problems or cannot use the online service, call 119. You are advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people while you are waiting for the test result.

If tested positive for COVID-19, you should self-isolate for at least five full days, and should continue to follow guidance until you have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days from day 5.

Keeping School Informed

If your child tests positive for COVID-19 please inform the school – by telephone on 01304 852639 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.