

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 4th March 2022



A Message from Ms Comfort

Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) – Support for Ukraine – School Fundraiser

We would like to hold a school fundraiser to raise funds for the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) in support of displaced families in and from Ukraine. The Government has pledged to match-fund monies which go to the DEC.

We invite you to send cakes and biscuits into school on **Friday 11th March** for class bake sales. Please also send your child to school with some money to spend on purchasing some sweet treats; cakes will be sold for 25p each.

In addition, we invite children to wear their school uniform as usual but to also wear something yellow – perhaps a ribbon, a t-shirt, pair of socks or jumper – this is to represent the blue and yellow of the Ukrainian flag. We would appreciate a donation for this too - please send what you can afford.

We will be sensitive when talking to the children about this fundraiser. We already have some information from the Diocese which we have been able to use with the children and the Department for Education has given us some good links to materials suitable to use with children. We will focus on the desire to help and support and will not be looking to place blame nor sensationalise threat and war.

Thank you in advance for your support with this, please do let me know if you have any particular concerns about us undertaking this piece of work.

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

We are all really looking forward to seeing you at the parent/carers teacher meetings next week. Please come to the Laureston Place entrance as meetings will be held in the hall. Your child's workbooks will be available for you to look at and you will each have a 10 minute appointment with your child's class teacher. Do not come to the meeting if you have COVID or COVID symptoms; we will rearrange to suit. If you have children with you please ensure that they sit with you whilst you are waiting for your appointment.

World Book Day

We had a marvellous selection of book characters in school on Thursday – huge thanks to you all for supporting your children with their costumes. Have a look on our social media pages for a selection of pictures.

Wishing you all a good weekend

Ms H Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the week

“Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as ever you can.”

John Wesley, hymn-writer

Collective Worship at St Mary's Church of England School

This week we explored Lent and what this means to Christians. We thought about the Christian traditions related to Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. During the 40 days of Lent people who are Christians sometimes choose to give up something that they really like – reflecting the idea of 'fasting'.

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Taylor - She has impressed us in all areas of the curriculum this week. Trying her best and having a go at lots of different challenges. She has really wowed in maths though and with her super sentence writing in Literacy. Well done we are proud of you.

Class 1 - This week goes to the whole of class 1. The teachers are very impressed with their excellent behaviour on a recent trip to Dover Castle. Well done all of you!

Class 2 - Aidan - For the amazing learning he has completed. He has impressed us with his amazing ability to recognise fractions and can find half of a number in his head. A brilliant week! Well done.

Class 3 - For his hard work and positive attitude towards his learning. In PE he has demonstrated fantastic ball control, using a bat to hit the ball into the air and catching it with his other hand. Well done!

Class 4 - Denis - 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 - Victoria - She always tries her very best and produces work of a high standard in all areas of the school curriculum. She is a pleasure to teach.

Class 6 - Izzy - For her fantastic attitude towards her learning. She lights up a room with her infectious smile. We have seen her confidence grow and she offers up some fantastic thoughts. We are all very proud.

GO WITH THE FLO

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely week.

With uncertainty all around us, it is normal for both children and adults to feel worried or anxious. This week, I wanted to share with you some information about Anxiety Canada. www.anxietycanada.com provides a wealth of information about anxiety in children, teenagers and adults. They provide practical strategies and tools to manage anxiety. They offer many free resources and programmes to support you and your family.

And as always, if there is anything you would like to discuss with me, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Miss Claire Yarnley.



Class R – 97 %

Class 1 - 88%

Class 2 - 94 %

Class 3 - 93%

Class 4 - 96%

Class 5 - 96%

Class 6 - 97%

Whole school – 95 %

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

Joint 6th Classes 5 & 6 – 61 points

5th – Class 2 – 66 points

4th – Class 3 - 85 Points

3rd – Class 4 – 86 points

2nd – Class 1 – 88 points

1st – Class R - 100 points



HOUSE POINTS

1st – Fisher - 124 points

2nd – Lang – 114 points

3rd – Ramsay – 93 points

4th – Temple – 83 Points

THE WEEK AHEAD

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.

Year 6 - Don't forget to return your slips
for your school trip by Friday 11th March.

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - Week 3
Week beginning Mon 7th March

£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.



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>

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.

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

