

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 18th March 2022



A Message from Ms Comfort

Disasters Emergency Committee Fundraiser

I am delighted to be able to inform you that the community of St Mary's CEP raised £243.61 with our recent cake sale. Huge thanks to you all for supporting us with this.

Dover's Maison Dieu (town hall)

We were very pleased to be invited to a free school visit at Dover's historic Maison Dieu (Dover Town Hall) for an exciting 'conservation science' event on Thursday, 17th March. Classes 3 and 4 each spent half of the morning at the town hall.

The engaging event (part of British Science Week) provided the children and staff with the unique opportunity to engage with specialist conservators, historic paintings and furniture collections. Children learnt in a fun, practical way how science can reveal important stories from the past and preserve rare and fragile artefacts for future generations.

The visit also included a behind-the-scenes tour to discover the secrets of this incredible 800-years old building – They will be returning to visit the historic court room and Victorian prison cells once they are open!

"It was really good. We completed 3 activities. I enjoyed cleaning the big paintings" Katie and Saphira - Year 4

"Making a gilded coin was the best bit for me" Sanad and Mileigh Year - 4

"The tour of the town hall was really interesting. I never knew it was like that inside" Jesus - Year 3

Year 5 Police Cadets

Our current group of Police Cadets are coming towards the end of their training. They will shortly be visiting the Police Station. The other half of the class will commence their training soon. I know how much the children have enjoyed these sessions and thank PCSO Mark Ball and Karen Wallace (volunteer cadet leader) for spending time at school leading the sessions.

Red Nose Day

Very many thanks to all who have supported this fundraiser today – Mrs Fagg will be pleased to let us all know next week how much has been raised; it was certainly a 'sea of red' at school today.

Happy weekend one and all.

Ms H Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the week



Collective Worship at St Mary's Church of England School

This week we learnt about the Parable of the Sower. Christians believe that in this story Jesus wasn't talking about real seeds or real fruit, but the fruit of the Spirit as love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control, as written about in Galatians 5:22-23.

The Bible calls these words the 'fruits' of God's kingdom and Christians believe that God will help these things to grow in the lives of people who follow him, just like seeds grow into good fruit. We thought about how we can grow these good things in our lives, how our school's values might help us, which of these 'fruits' are hardest to grow, what things might stop them from growing at all?

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - She comes into school every day with a smile on her face ready to learn. This week she has wowed us with her super reading and story telling in Literacy. Well done.

Class 1 - She has been an excellent active participant in class this week. She has shown great focus on her learning especially in Literacy and produced a fantastic story map. Well done!

Class 2 - Sonia - She has been an absolute star this week. She approaches every activity with wonderful enthusiasm and always tries her best. She is polite, helpful and brilliantly behaved. Well done.

Class 3 - Riley - For his positive attitude towards his learning. He has made a wonderful effort this week to try his best at all times. He has created a wonderful poster all about people who help us. Well done Riley!

Class 4 - Katie - She has been a superstar. She tries her best in everything she does 100% of the time. She completes her work to a fantastic standard and has some very creative and valuable ideas. Well done Katie!

Class 5 - Sebastian - He is a cheerful, happy and hardworking member of the class. He has produced some super work this term and in particular his writing shows some great improvement. Well done Sebastian!

Class 6 - Charlie - For his great enthusiasm towards his learning. He comes to school every day with a great smile and a spring in his step! He is a kind, thoughtful and generous member of the class. He has put great effort into his history learning and persevered through some tricky maths. Keep up your hard work!

GO WITH THE FLO

Happy Friday everyone.

The sun is shining and let's hope it continues!

In our fast paced world, it is often so helpful to take a moment and pause. That's why this week I wanted to share with you 'Community Cuppa'. Footprints, The Beacon, have created a safe space to stop and pause for a while, share stories, meet friends and make new ones.. all over a cuppa!

Any one is welcome to pop into Footprints @ The Beacon (London Road, next to the car wash). Every Wednesday 10am-12pm.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Claire Yarnley.

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

7th Class 1 – 101 points

6th Class 2 – 135 points

5th– Class 4 – 140 points

4th – Class R - 151 Points

3rd – Class 6 – 160 points

2nd – Class 5 – 185 points

1st – Class 3 - 195 points



HOUSE POINTS

1st --- **Lang** - 165 points

2nd – **Ramsay** – 144 points

3rd – **Fisher** – 133 points

4th – **Temple** – 131 points



Class R – 90%

Class 1 - 85%

Class 2 - 86%

Class 3 - 98%

Class 4 - 93%

Class 5 - 76%

Class 6 - 93%

Whole school – 89 %

WORD OWL – 312 Quizzes – 2,294,156 words – Class 6

WORD WIZARD – 456 Quizzes – 1,838,282 words – Class 4

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 22nd March

Class 5 Mini Police Cadets reply slip deadline.

Wednesday, 23rd March

Clubs reply slip return deadline

Thursday 24th March

Class 5 Mini Police Cadets Visit



ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - **Week 2**
Week beginning Mon 21st 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

Not long now until the Easter Hamper raffle draw, there are some marvellous prizes to be won, so don't forget to return any money and ticket stubs as soon as possible.

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.

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<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.