

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 25th March 2022



A Message from Ms Comfort

Easter Hamper Raffle

Have you bought your tickets yet? The draw for this will take place on Wednesday 30th March - prizes include Hairdressing vouchers, Easter Eggs, a reflexology voucher and many, many more. The deadline for returning ticket stubs and money is Monday 28th March.

Thank you to all those who are supporting us with this fundraiser - with all monies raised will go towards increasing our stocks of reading books.

Parent Governor

Do you have some time to give to the school in a voluntary capacity? Would you be interested in joining our governing body? We are seeking nominations for two new parent governors for St Mary's.

The Governors meet once a term – on a Wednesday at 4.30pm and meetings last for about an hour and a half to two hours. In usual times these meetings are held at the school, for the last couple of years they have been via video link. There are papers to read before the meeting in preparation for the conversations to be had. In addition to a meeting once a term, governors need to be able to give time to coming into school between meetings to meet with senior leaders or subject leaders and to visit the classes. There is also a requirement to attend training – courses are put on by the education department in Kent and, at the moment, are all held via video link. The courses are very accessible, are aimed at governors - most of whom are not educational professionals - and help governors to understand their role and responsibilities.

Governors work as a team – no-one is expected to know everything and the contributions of all governors, including parent governors, helps the governing body to support the school to be the best it can be.

The letter has come out which seeks nominations so do please give this some thought. The deadline for nominations is 22nd April 2022. If you would like any further information you are welcome to speak to me or Mr Lamprell or Liz Fisher our Chair of Governors, Trish Simmons and Joe Yarrow our Vice-Chairs.

Staff News

We welcomed Mrs Hannah Austin to school today; she will be joining our Year 2 class after Easter as their new job-share teacher teaching them on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs Emma Fagg will continue as the teacher on Wednesdays – Fridays. We are pleased to welcome Mrs Austin to our school and are looking forward to getting to know her.

Home Learning Matters!

Huge thanks to the families who have supported Class 6 children with a recent home learning project. The children have been learning about the Second World War this term and were set the challenge to design and build an Anderson Shelter Model. They learnt about why Anderson shelters were used and how they were built to protect civilians from bomb blasts during the Blitz. Miss Loges says that the models surpassed our expectations and created the most amazing, realistic models we have seen!

Rudie: "I loved making the Anderson Shelter because it was fun to create and build with my family"

Clare: "I liked finding resources around my house to build my shelter model."

Damian: "I really liked building it with Helen and it was very fun to do."



Easter Service

We are looking forward to our Easter Service next week – please see separate letter for details.

Have a good weekend everyone!

Ms H Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the week



Class Photographs

Vancols Photographers are pleased to confirm that the School Class Photographs are ready to view using the QR code on your proof card. We also sent the reference number by email to parent/carers of each class.



If you have already scanned the QR code on the Proof and registered you will receive an auto email notification.

The online cut-off date for orders to be placed for free postage back to the school is **6th April 2022**.

Collective Worship at St Mary's Church of England School

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We thought about the meaning of the word 'value' this week. In Matthew 13 Jesus told a parable about something that was very valuable. The pearl represents God's kingdom – knowing that means that it is possible to make sense of what Jesus was meaning his listeners to hear. Christians think about the meaning of this parable – they consider why the merchant was willing to sell everything for a pearl and think about what Jesus was saying about the value of God's kingdom.

Go with the FLO....

I hope you have enjoyed the lovely sunshine we have had this week.

I wanted to share some more resources that 'Footprints' at The Beacon Church are providing:

- 'Family Craft' groups - including a Mother's Day craft group on Saturday 26th March and Easter crafts groups on Saturday 2nd & 9th April. To book please contact - Deacon Michelle 01304 206613.
- A 6 week Introduction to Mindfulness course - Tuesdays 7-8:30pm, starting 29th March. To book please contact - Mr David Legumi 07403640870.

Wishing you and your family very sunny and happy weekend.

Miss Claire Yarnley

Class R – 87%
Class 1 – 83%
Class 2 – 90%
Class 3 – 93%
Class 4 – 91%
Class 5 – 86%
Class 6 – 92%

Whole school – 89%



THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, 28th March

Response deadline for :-

- Raffle ticket stubs and monies to the school office

Wednesday, 30th March

Easter Raffle Prize Draw

Response deadline for :-

- Class 6 Hoodie Orders
- Student Council tree planting response.

Thursday, 31st March

Easter Service – See separate letter

Friday 1st April

Student Council Queen's Green Canopy Tree Planting.

Last Day of Term 4

Response deadline for :-

- Class 3 Trip response deadline

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Levi - His confidence grows by the day and he will always try his best to complete an activity. This week he wowed Miss Cassingena with his super reading. Well done!

Class 1 - Maisy - Has been a star this week, really trying hard with her phonics and reading. Well done Maisy!

Class 2 - Ariella - For trying really hard with her learning. She has impressed us with her ability to draw 2D shapes in maths and she remembered the key landmarks of the USA topic. Well done!

Class 3 - Dolly-Ann - Has wowed the adults in class this week. She is very helpful and helps not only her peers but the adults too. She has enjoyed learning about halves and quarters in maths. Keep up the good work!

Class 4 - Mileigh - For her super writing. In literacy Mileigh has written the most amazing description to a piece from James and the Giant Peach. She has a positive attitude to school life and enjoys a challenge. Keep up the good work!

Class 5 - Phoebe - She is a hardworking, kind and friendly member of the class. She has produced some super written work and written some wonderful dialogue in her version of the Greek myth of "Thesus and the Minotaur".

Class 5 - Alex - Is our second star in class 5. He has been a wonderful kind member of the class and persevered with everything. We are so proud of Alex. Keep up the good work!

Class 6 - Dylan - for his outstanding effort towards his learning. He has wowed us with his maths knowledge of statistics and displayed inventive building skills. Keep up the hard work Dylan we are all proud of you!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

Joint 6th Classes 1 & 2 – 49 points

5th – Class 4 – 80 points

4th – Class 6 - 85 points

3rd – Class 3 – 90 points

2nd – Class 5 – 95 points

1st – Class R - 90 points



HOUSE POINTS

1st – **Fisher** – 138 points

2nd – **Ramsay** – 124 points

3rd – **Lang** – 118 points

4th – **Temple** – 108 points

RECEPTION CLASS 2022

Whilst the deadline to apply to the Local Authority for a place in our new Reception class has passed, we can assist with late applications so do please get in touch if you or someone you know has a child due to start school.

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - Week 3

Week beginning Mon 28th 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

WORD OWL

Class 6

43 Quizzes

Word Wizard

Class 3

Over 269

Quizzes

COVID-19 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.

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