

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 22nd April 2022

A Message from Ms Comfort

Here comes summer!

Welcome to the summer term – a lovely sunny week to ease us all back into school with beautiful blossom across the school site. The children and staff have all returned in good spirits and much has been achieved this week.

Parking

The issue of car movement and parking at drop-off and collection times is a perennial problem for the parent/carers and local residents near to all schools and we are no exception to this. Use of the St James car park and then pedestrian access via Laureston Place or Maison Dieu is the preferred approach which we encourage parent/carers to take.

The Highway Code is clear about the restrictions associated with the yellow zig-zag lines outside schools – see below:-

Rule 238

....You **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on school entrance markings (see [‘Road markings’](#)) when upright signs indicate a prohibition of stopping.

No matter how pushed for time you are do not park on the yellow zig-zags; they are there to keep everyone as safe as possible during a busy time. Please park safely and responsibly. I thank you all for your support with this.

Early Years

Offer letters for our new children due to start with us in September were sent out last week; we are looking forward to meeting our new cohort soon. If you know of anyone who needs a school place for September do please ask them to make contact with us.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms H Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's Church of England School

Collective Worship:

The theme for this week was Jesus is Alive. The children explored the Easter Story (Luke 24:1-12) and how Mary Magdalene reacted when she discovered the resurrection of Jesus. Mary shared this news with the disciples; it was lovely to hear responses from the children as to the most exciting news that they have shared with anyone. As always, the children participated beautifully in Singing Collective Worship, with some real highlights being shared in Celebration on Friday.

Thought for the week



Class R - 83%
Class 1 - 82%
Class 2 - 98%
Class 3 - 95%
Class 4 - 100%
Class 5 - 94%
Class 6 - 98%

Whole school - 93%



It has been a 4-day week and some reading quizzes have occurred.

WORD WIZARD

is awarded to Class 4 this week for the most words read.

WORD OWL

is awarded to Class 6 for the most amount of words read.

Let's see if we can really up that next week.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, 26th April

3:15 to 4:15pm - Classes 1 & 2 – Multi Skills Extra Curricular Club starts for the Term

Wednesday, 27th April

Lunchtime – Choir starts for the Term

3:15 to 4:15pm - Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6 – Multi Skills Extra Curricular Club starts for the Term

Thursday, 28th April

Class 3 Trip – See letter for details

HOUSE POINTS

1st – **Lang** – 137 points
2nd – **Temple** – 136 points
3rd – **Ramsay** – 130 points
4th – **Fisher** – 126 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

7th Class 2 – 45 points
6th Class 1 – 65 points
5th – Class 5 – 66 points
4th – Class R - 80 points
3rd – Class 4 – 88 points
Joint 1st – Classes 3 & 6 - 100 points



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Ruby - This week she has wowed us with her super writing. She has continued to persevere even when she found things tricky.

Class 1 - Bryan - We are so proud of him this week. In maths he was spotting patterns whilst counting in fives. He was amazed when mixing different primary coloured playdough and enjoyed the magic of mixing paint. Well Done!

Class 2 - Tye - He has been an absolute superstar this week. He is always ready to learn and has a wonderful attitude towards tasks. He has been a kind friend and a great role model. He has impressed us greatly with his rapid mental calculation skills in maths. A super week - we are proud of you.

Class 3 - This person has made a really positive start to the term. She has tried her hardest with her learning. She is kind and considerate and has been an excellent example to her peers. Well done for such a positive week.

Class 4 - Zeb - Has settled back into school brilliantly this week. He has contributed some great ideas during class discussions. He has made us all proud this week. He is kind and polite and a great friend. Keep up the great work!

Class 5 - Johnny - For making great efforts to improve his handwriting. Keep up the good work!

Class 6 - Amelia - For impressing us with her creative ideas in reading and writing. She has made a good start to our Kenyan topic, creating a fantastic African mask. She has used her geography skills to locate Kenya and identify it's physical features. Keep up the good work!

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - Week 2
Week beginning Monday, 25th April

£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

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>

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.

REMINDER

Reception Class should come to school in their PE kit on Wednesdays and earrings should be removed.

As the weather gets hotter, please could parents/carers apply sun cream before their child comes into school; a sun hat (for break and lunch time) is also recommended.

COVID-19 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 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.

