

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022



## A Message from Ms Comfort

### Special Visitors

We were extremely pleased to welcome the Bishop of Dover to school this week – Bishop Rose Hudson-Wilkin.

Bishop Rose, accompanied by Canterbury Diocesan Director of Education Quentin Roper, joined the whole school for Collective Worship and then visited all classes. In Collective Worship the Bishop shared her thoughts and words of wisdom around our current theme of generosity and the attitude of gratitude, including retelling the story of the feeding of the five thousand.

When she visited the classes Bishop Rose shared how her experiences link to our school values. The children had lots of questions for the Bishop, quizzing her on subjects such as what is it like to be a Bishop, how does your childhood in Jamaica compare to childhood in the UK, why do you believe in our school value of peace and what is your favourite quote?

Bishop Rose taught the children that they must have belief in themselves and that doing so will enable them to be whoever they want to be. What an important message for us all!

We really enjoyed having these special visitors in school and they were equally complimentary of us, commenting on how there was an atmosphere of positive energy throughout the school.



### Staff News

Our Family Liaison Officer, Miss Claire Yarnley, will be leaving us on 20th May and returning to her roots as a therapist. I know the hugely positive impact that Claire has had in supporting many of our families and children and thank her for all that she has given to St Mary's. I am sure you will join me in thanking her and wishing her every continued success.

We are currently advertising to recruit to the position of Family Liaison Officer and I will write to you again to let you know who will be taking on the role.

I am very pleased to be able to inform you that we have appointed a new Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo) – Mrs Claudia Marsh. Mrs Marsh is a very experienced SENCo who will bring much skill and knowledge to our school. Whilst Mrs Marsh will be taking up her post permanently in September she will be working at St Mary's for up to one day a week during Term 6. In the meantime please don't hesitate to make contact with your child's class teacher, me or Mr Lamprell if you have any queries around special educational needs.

### Sunscreen and sunhats

We had an enquiry from a parent this week about sunscreen and sunhats. When the weather is warm enough we do encourage children to come to school with sunscreen already applied. They may also bring a bottle/tube to school to apply themselves during the day should the need arise. Sun hats are also encouraged. We are all looking forward to some long hot summer days!



Happy weekend one and all.

**Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

### Thought for the week



### Collective Worship at St Mary's Church of England School

We have continued with the theme of generosity in our Collective Worship this week. We thought beyond being generous with physical things such as money and possessions and thought about how we can be generous with our time and talents. We explored the life of Michael Faraday, a Victorian Scientist and Christian who decided to share his work, time and talents for free.

### Learners of the Week

**Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:**

**Class R** - Eric - He has wowed us with his super reading in Literacy and continues to persevere even when things are tricky. He has also produced an amazing piece of 'tadpole' artwork. Well done, keep up the good work!

**Class 1** - This child has been a superstar learner this week. She has been a fantastic listener, taking part in all our sessions. Her magic pot made soup non-stop this week. Well done, we are very proud of you.

**Class 2** - Hope - For her wonderful effort and attitude towards all of her learning. She has wowed us with her knowledge about Peru. She has also been a super scientist. Well done, we are extremely proud of you!

**Class 3** - For her positive contributions to class. She has shown enthusiasm for the class book 'George's marvellous Medicine'. She has been fantastic in using a range of adjectives. Well done for such a wonderful week.

**Class 4** - Anita - She is a kind and considerate member of the class who always tries her best. She has shown perseverance and determination and always comes to school with a smile on her face. Keep up the great work!

**Class 5** - He is always a hardworking, helpful and considerate member of Year 5. He is a pleasure to teach.

**Class 6** - Rihanna - She has made great strides of progress with her learning and she has wowed in Literacy by going above and beyond when writing a biography about Nelson Mandela. She is a great role model. Keep it up!

### Go with the flo ....

Happy Friday to you and your family!

This week I wanted to share a brilliant new initiative being run by the Sunrise Cafe in Dover. Each Monday between 4-6pm the Cafe is providing a hearty and nutritious meal just for families. The Cafe is a 'pay what you can afford cafe' so they simply invite you to book a table, come along and pay what you can. Please remember to book a table in advance via their 'Facebook' page or contact them on 01304 448070.

If you would like an invitation with more information please let me know and I can provide this.

Wishing you all a wonderful, sunny weekend.

Miss Claire Yarnley



### HOUSE POINTS

Joint 1<sup>st</sup> - Ramsay & Fisher - 179 points

3<sup>rd</sup> - Lang - 168 points

4<sup>th</sup> - Temple - 146 points

Class R - 69.3%

Class 1 - 69.5%

Class 2 - 89.2%

Class 3 - 89.0%

Class 4 - 85.6%

Class 5 - 88.6%

Class 6 - 90.0%

Whole school - 83.6%

Attendance



**ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**

Lunch Menu - **Week 1**  
Week beginning Monday, 9th May

£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](http://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>

## WORD OWL

**Class 5 – 19 Quizzes read in April**

## WORD WIZARD

**Class 2 – 25 Quizzes read in April**

## THE WEEK AHEAD w/b 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Class 6 SATS

**Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Class 6 SATS

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Class 6 SATS

**Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Class 6 SATS

**Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Tree Planting  
(School Council)

## Coronavirus Symptoms

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday, 1 April.

### Updated guidance

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Children and young people with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days, which is when they are most infectious.

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious.

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

