

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 13th May 2022

A Message from Ms Comfort

The Queen's Green Canopy

By the time you read this I am extremely hopeful that our tree-planting ceremony will have gone ahead as scheduled. You may be aware that we have received a number of saplings to plant as part of the Woodland Trust Queen's Green Canopy in recognition of Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.

Mrs Fagg has worked with our School Council on this important piece of work - a previously planned planting ceremony was cancelled due to poor weather so I am pleased that the sun is shining today; plans should therefore be able to be carried out!

As you know we have many trees on our school site so Dover District Council have obliged with our request and allowed us to plant these new trees in Connaught Park. We have a plaque ready to be installed to mark the occasion.

The eagle eyed of you may already know that a tree complete with plaque was planted by St Mary's pupils in the park previously - see this super newspaper clipping from that time; do you know anyone in this picture?



RETIRED Dover park superintendents Mr Taylor and Mr Clark (right) together with local councillors, Headmaster Mr Denis Stubbs; teachers and the chairman of the District Council watched as St Mary's Primary School children planted an oak tree in Connaught Park. Pictured performing the task are fourth year pupils Paul Lambert and Emma Wallace.

Look out for pictures of today's tree-planting ceremony and perhaps you can find our new plaque in the park as well as the previous plaque; the tree in this photograph is MUCH bigger now!

Family Liaison Officer

As you will know from my previous newsletter, Miss Claire Yarnley's last day at work will be Friday 20th May. She is working hard to tie up any loose ends before she leaves. I am very pleased to confirm that we have successfully appointed to the role and have a new Family Liaison Officer who should take up the role on Monday 13th June. I am hopeful that she will be at school next week for some handover time with Miss Yarnley. When that is confirmed either I or Mr Lamprell will write to you again with further information and ways for you to meet with her.

There will be two school weeks when we do not have a FLO in post – please do not hesitate to contact Mr Lamprell or me during that time with any queries or concerns that you would have shared with our FLO. As a school we recognise how important this role is in supporting our families and we are committed to offering this level of support.

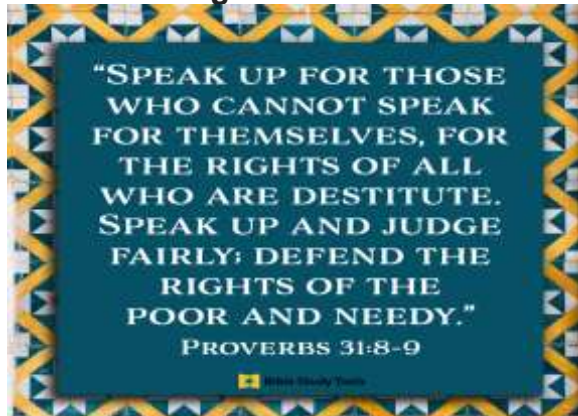
Foodbank Vouchers

Did you know that we can issue foodbank vouchers? Vouchers are for families who need some short term support with food supplies due to financial hardship. To be issued a foodbank voucher - please speak to the Family Liaison Officer who will then be able to complete a referral to Dover Foodbank, who may be able to issue a food parcel.

Have a good – hopefully sunny – weekend.

Ms H Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the week



Collective Worship at St Mary's Church of England School

Collective Worship at St Mary's

This week, Collective Worship was delivered in the afternoons due to our Year 6 testing schedule in the mornings. The children – and staff - adapted well to this change! Our focus was 'being a global neighbour'. We explored the meaning of a neighbour and how this supports us within our community. The children looked at Bible passages (Proverbs 31: 8-9) which enabled them to think about speaking up for others and promoting justice. Courage advocacy was discussed with the children looking at bravery and respect - this closely links with our Christian narrative (Matthew 5: 14-16) being the 'light of the world' and being a 'voice for the voiceless'.

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Caitlin - This week she has enjoyed learning about different places around the world and had a go at writing her own postcard to tell her family all about her visit, under the sea. Well done Caitlin.

Class 1 - This child has stunned Mrs Salter in his maths group by recognising numbers up to 10 and writing them. Then he amazed Mrs Trelfer by spelling the word Troll in Literacy. He is always smiling and enjoys school. Well Done!

Class 2 - Harley - He has impressed us greatly with his wonderful learning. He has mastered how to measure length and has tackled some challenging word problems with great enthusiasm. A brilliant week - well done!

Class 3 - We are incredibly proud of this child for all his hard work during lesson time, he has worked extremely hard. The adults have been blown away by his contributions to Maths lessons. Well done!

Class 4 - Denis - He is polite and kind to everyone and sets a fantastic example. He has a positive attitude towards his learning. We are very proud of the hard work you put in every day. Well done!

Class 5 - Freddie - He is a wonderfully hardworking and helpful member of year 5. He is a pleasure to teach.

Class 6 - All of Year Six are stars of the week! They have worked incredibly hard over the last few months in the build up to SATS and have made all of St Mary's proud with their perseverance, determination and effort this week! Year Six, you are amazing - we are so incredibly proud of you. Keep up the amazing work.

THE WEEK AHEAD w/b 16th May 2022

Thursday, 19th May 2022

Census day – Request all pupils in classes R, 1 and 2 take up the option of a school cooked lunch. Please see next page for special menu.

Friday, 20th May 2022

Class 2 response deadline for trip

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

7th – Class 1 – 80 points
6th – Class 2 – 104 points
5th – Class 6 – 110 points
4th – Class 5 – 115 points
3rd – Class R – 140 points
2nd – Class 3 - 155 points



HOUSE POINTS

1st **Fisher** - 205 points
2nd – **Ramsay** – 153 points
3rd – **Temple** - 146 points
4th – **Lang** – 133 points

WORD OWL

Class 5 - 129,169 words in May

WORD WIZARD

Class 4 - 206, 289



Class R - 81.2%
Class 1 - 83.7%
Class 2 - 78.2%
Class 3 - 79.8%
Class 4 - 86.5%
Class 5 - 87.6%
Class 6 - 94.0%
Whole school - 84.4%

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - **Week 2**
Week beginning Monday, 16th 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

SPECIAL MENU

THURS 19th May 2022

Mains

Beef burger served in a bun with tomato ketchup

OR

Cheese and tomato pizza

Sides

Potato wedges

Baked beans C

Crudit 

Dessert

Ice Cream

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had wonderful weeks and are looking forward to some well-deserved family time over the weekend.

With such a poignant message being shared through Mental Health Awareness Week this week, I wanted to share with you the work 'Mental Health Matters' do. They offer a range of facilities to support mental and physical wellbeing. This includes therapeutic support as well as employment support, housing support, advice and information. They also have a 24/7 helpline which offers emotions support, advice and guidance - 0800 107 0160. More information can be found at www.mhm.org.uk

Enjoy the sunshine!
Miss Claire Yarnley.



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<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-C-of-E-Primary-School-820857021275490/>

<https://twitter.com/stmarysdover> <https://twitter.com/stmarysdover>

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.