

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 27th May 2022



## A Message from Ms Comfort

### A Right Royal Week!

There was a sea of red, white and blue as well as princes, princesses, queens and kings at school on Wednesday in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Huge thanks to the families and children for supporting us with the dressing up.

Children in all classes enjoyed learning about a decade from the Queen's reign during this week. Perhaps you will watch some of the celebrations on television next week or get involved with local events which will be taking place.



### Punctuality

I am concerned about the increasing number of children arriving late for school, all children should arrive by 8.55am. Letters have been – and will continue to be – sent out to families of late arrivals. Parent/carers of children who are regularly late will need to come into school for a meeting. Children who do arrive late are to be brought to the Laureston Place gate by a parent/carer who will need to bring them into the main reception and wait with them while they are signed in, giving a reason for the late arrival..

I understand that occasionally there may be an exceptional reason for a child being late but it certainly should be not a frequent occurrence. Missing the beginning of the school day is disruptive to staff and other children. It can also be upsetting for the late child who has not had the opportunity to say hello to their friends and hear about what is going to be happening during the day.

The vast majority of families bring their children to school on time and I thank them for that.

### Dover Castle Trip

Year 2 visited the castle this week – they did an amazing job of walking all the way there and back! The children enjoyed sketching the castle and remembering and then identifying the castle words which they had learnt in Year 1 – keep, drawbridge, portcullis and battlements. The children also enjoyed the cannons as well as looking out at the ferries. Lunch is always a key part of any school trip – despite being somewhat battered by the wind, and keeping an eye on the seagulls who took a keen interest in the contents of the lunchboxes! All in all a good time had by all.

### End of Term 5 and Beginning of Term 6

It hardly seems possible – but we have reached the end of another term! School finishes on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May with the half term holiday being next week. Free School Meal Vouchers have been issued to those families who are eligible for them. I hope you all have a good half term break and I look forward to seeing the children back at school on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**.

**Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

### Thought for the week

Heavenly Father

Thank you for our precious Queen. She looks after us and keeps us safe. She is amazing and beautiful. Thank you for her kindness. She is our hero. Elizabeth, thank you for your hard work and trying to keep us safe. Keep her safe God and take care of her. We love you both.

Amen

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

This week we focused on giving thanks for our generous Queen. We thought about how her birth would have been so eagerly awaited and how joyful her parents would have been. At her baptism her parents gave thanks for the gift of a daughter and prayed for her future. We thought also about the Queen's coronation day on 1953 and the words she shared then

*'When I spoke to you last...I asked you all, whatever your religion, to pray for me on the day of my Coronation – to pray that God would give me wisdom and strength to carry out the promises that I should then be making..'*



### Learners of the Week

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

**Class R** - Thomas - He is a pleasure to teach. Always tried his best and loves to share his fantastic ideas with the rest of the class. This week he has wowed us with his super reading and has helped others too. Keep up the great work!

**Class 1** - Vivien - She has listened in all of her lessons, which means that she is doing well in her lessons. All the teachers are very proud of her. Well done!

**Class 2** - Nevaeh - She has had a fantastic week. She has worked so hard to design a pudding for the Queen and then wrote down her instructions carefully. She has been practising her beautiful handwriting too. Well done!

**Class 3** - Gabby - She is kind, helpful and hardworking every day. This week we have been impressed with her understanding of time. She has been able to convert 12 hour times to 24 hour times. Well done for a super week!

**Class 4** - Christian - He has produced some fantastic work this week. He tries his best and enjoys taking on a challenge. He is a kind and polite member of the class and is always eager to share his ideas. Keep up the great work!

**Class 5** - Chloe - She always tries her hardest and brings her homework/reading record in every week. She has shown great teamworking skills in Police Cadets and she is a very important member of the class. Well done!

**Class 6** - Noah - For his dedication towards his writing in Literacy. He has been writing a fantastic suspense narrative. Earlier this week he wrote a wonderful formal letter to the Queen, congratulating her on reaching 70 years on the throne. We are sure the Queen will enjoy reading it. Keep it up Noah!



### HOUSE POINTS

#### Overall Team Winners for Term 5

1st **Fisher** – 1082 points

2nd – **Ramsay** – 995 points

3rd – **Lang** - 979 points

4th – **Temple** – 914 points

### Team Points

1<sup>st</sup> – 257 **Ramsay**

2<sup>nd</sup> – 235 **Lang**

3<sup>rd</sup> – 208 **Fisher & Temple**

## WORD WIZARD

**Class 4 - 408,459 words read in  
Term 5**

## WORD OWL

**Class 5 - 140,822 words read in  
Term 5**

## GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> - Class 6 - 115 points

2<sup>nd</sup> - Class 1 - 117 points

3<sup>rd</sup> - Class R - 111 points

Joint 4<sup>th</sup> - Classes 2 & 4 - 85 points

Joint 6<sup>th</sup> - Classes 3 & 5

### ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - **Week 1**  
Week beginning Monday, 6th June

£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)



Class R – 84%

Class 1 – 76%

Class 2 – 79%

Class 3 – 84%

Class 4 – 97%

Class 5 – 90%

Class 6 – 93%

Whole school – 86%

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## 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.

