

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 8th July 2022



## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance

Peace



Friendship



Respect



Trust



Perseverance



## **A Message from Ms Comfort**

### **Bikeability**

A number of our Year 6 children undertook Bikeability training this week. These sessions involved riding their bicycles safely around the playground and showing accuracy in steering, turning and using the correct arm signals. Children were then taken out of school on their bicycles and given the opportunity to learn how to ride safely along the road; taking into consideration their road positioning and being aware of their surroundings. As well as this, the children were taught how to use junctions correctly. This means that our year 6 children are now confident in using the roads to enable them to cycle to their secondary schools safely.

Thank you to Dominic Castle for running the Level 1 course for our children at no cost.

### **Meet the new teacher**

Most classes moved up to meet with their new teacher this week. This is an important part of our transition work in preparing children for where they will be next year and who they will be with. Reception class will be meeting Mrs Hannah Austin next week.

### **Contact with school staff**

Unfortunately we have had a few incidences recently of parents being verbally aggressive and rude to school staff, either face to face at the school gate or on the telephone.

I would like to remind all parent/carers that they are as responsible for upholding our school Christian Values as the staff and the children are. There may well be times when you feel concerned about something to do with school; we understand that and will always work promptly to address worries or complaints. I ask that you are all mindful of the way you speak to staff and the words you use – most particularly in front of your children, or other people's children as they are coming to and from school. I thank those parents who do always conduct themselves in an acceptable way.

### **Absence during term time**

We have seen an increase in absence from school at the moment. Children must only be absent from school if they are too unwell to attend. If your child is absent – for whatever reason - then you must telephone the school office to explain why they are. If we have not been informed where your child is and why they are absent we have to report to the Local Authority that your child is missing.

There is an improvement in children arriving to school on time – thank you. If your child is late they must be brought into the school building at Laureston Place by their parent so that you can hand them safely over to the office staff.

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### Dates 2022-2023

We are just finalising dates for school events next year, we will let you know what these are either at the end of this year or in our welcome letter in September.

I can tell you that the term dates for 2022 – 2023 will be as follows:-

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| TERM 1 2022 | 1 September 2022 - 21 October 2022 |
| TERM 2 2022 | 31 October 2022 - 16 December 2022 |
| TERM 3 2023 | 3 January 2023 - 10 February 2023  |
| TERM 4 2023 | 20 February 2023 - 31 March 2023   |
| TERM 5 2023 | 17 April 2023 - 26 May 2023        |
| TERM 6 2023 | 5 June 2023 - 21 July 2023         |

Our five staff training days are currently scheduled to be:-

1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2022, 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022, 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 and 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Children do not attend school on these days. Our school year will start for all children on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

### Sun protection

Hot weather is forecast for next week so please continue to send in sunhats, sunscreen and water bottles.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms H Comfort – Executive Headteacher

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

Exploration of the Lord's Prayer continued this week in our Collective Worship. We explored how Christians think and feel about prayer; they see it as a two-way conversation with God – talking to God and listening to what he says.

### GO WITH THE FLO

This week saw the children transition into their new classes and meet their teachers for the next academic year. For some children, this was a very exciting day and a day they had been looking forward to for a long time. However, for others this would have been an anxious day, full with lots of different emotions and for some, a day that was overwhelming and very difficult to manage.

With this in mind, I wanted to share with you some websites that can support you, as parents and carers, with some strategies to help support your child to better cope with transitioning to a new class or a new school. It is important to remember that the end of a school year is a big milestone in your child's life and with the right tools you can support them with any difficulties or challenges they may face.

[https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/secondary-school-transition?\\_ga=2.59601005.133683662.1657053014-90200216.1657053014](https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/secondary-school-transition?_ga=2.59601005.133683662.1657053014-90200216.1657053014)

<https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/getting-ready-to-start-primary-school/>

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/transitions-and-times-of-change/>

Miss Hayley Lamb  
Family Liaison Officer

### Thought for the week



### NEW LIBRARIANS FOR NEXT YEAR

SCARLETT, CHLOE, ISEBELLE,  
LILAH, ROMAN AND SEBASTIAN

To be a Librarian the children wrote a letter of application. They had an interview and a trial period with Mrs Trelfer and were then given the job.

**WELL DONE!**

### Learners of the Week

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

**Class R** - Willow - She could be learner of the week every week. She comes into school with a big smile on her face, ready to learn. She is a pleasure to teach and has worked extremely hard in reading this week. She also enjoyed answering lots of questions about our new story. Well done!

**Class 1** - Delilah - You have wowed us this week with your fantastic listening skills and how well you have tried to use your phonic skills. We are so proud of you.

**Class 2** - Eliza - She has answered lots of questions about her book 'Flat Stanley'. She could tell us how he travelled by envelope to California! She has also done some amazing literacy work and can identify the features of a letter. She works hard all the time and we are proud of her.

**Class 3** - Amber - She has had a great week this week. She has tackled all tasks with a positive attitude and a big smile on her face. She has enjoyed creating a poem map to go with the class poem "On the ning, nang, nong. She has also enjoyed her maths lessons on capacity and volume.

**Class 4** - Kristian - For trying his best. He really enjoyed our D.T. lesson this week. He worked hard and persevered when building the circuit and tried to help others to complete their torches too. Keep up the great work.

**Class 5** - Phoebe - For always being kind, helpful friendly and a hardworking member of year 5. Well done!

**Class 6** - Karolina - For her positive attitude. She comes into school with a smile on her face and shows she is ready to learn. She follows our school Christian values and is a real pleasure to teach! She has a great sense of humour and makes us laugh every day! She has made so much progress with her learning - we are very proud! You are a star! Keep up your hard work.



#### **GOLDEN MANNER POINTS**

7th - Class 1 - 40 points  
6th - Class 4 - 49 points  
5th - Class 3 - 50 points  
4th - Class 2 - 53 points  
Joint 2nd - Classes 5 and 6 - 54 points  
1st - Class R - 68 points

#### **HOUSE POINTS**

1st - **Lang** - 192 points  
2nd - **Ramsay** - 157 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> - **Temple** - 152 points  
4<sup>th</sup> - **Fisher** - 130 points

**ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**

Lunch Menu - **Week 3**  
Week beginning Monday, 11th July

£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)

#### **Attendance**



Class R - 87%  
Class 1 - 85%  
Class 2 - 90%  
Class 3 - 91%  
Class 4 - 92%  
Class 5 - 89%  
Class 6 - 92%

Whole school - 90%

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<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.

