

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School

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Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 9th September 2022

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Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance

Peace



Friendship



Respect



Trust



Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

Queen Elizabeth II 1926 – 2022

As many of you and your children will be, the staff and I are saddened by the news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. I believe that every now and then moments in time happen which become a collective national memory; the death of our long serving monarch is certainly one of those.

As the period of national mourning begins we paid respects to Queen Elizabeth in an extended Collective Worship this morning. I spoke about her legacy, her Christian faith and her deep sense of duty. We thought about her as a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and offered our condolences to her children and their families. I recalled the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the summer term and reflected on the memories my primary school helped make for me when the Silver Jubilee was celebrated in 1977. I talked about the memories we have helped to make for the children of St Mary's CEP. They may not yet fully understand who the Queen was or understand the passing of time related to a life of 96 years, 70 as Queen, however, as they grow up they will look back and remember this time and their part in it.

As a school we will continue to support each other during this time and be particularly mindful of anyone for whom talking about death and passing may well bring back memories and feelings of personal loss.



Welcome

Welcome to the brand new school year and the first full week for children and families. All children and staff have settled very well back into the routine of school life and are pleased to be back together again. Our new Reception children have done an amazing job of separating from their parent/carers in the mornings and have managed full days.

Parking

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of those parent/carers who support us by parking away from the school when dropping off and picking up. This helps to keep all members of our school community safe.

Rain!

We have had some wet weather this week – I am resolved never again to grumble about rain after the long hot dry spring and summer. We must embrace rain for its life-giving qualities! I have noticed some children without coats – all children need to bring a coat to school at this time of year, please send them in from Monday if you have not already. If you are struggling to afford to buy a coat for your child please contact Hayley Lamb our Family Liaison Officer who will be able to point you in the direction of organisations who may be able to support you.

It's Behind You!

We are very pleased to be taking our Key Stage 2 children to the pantomime at the Marlowe Theatre again this year – look out for a separate letter coming out about this.

Parentmail

Have you registered for your parentmail account yet? You should have received an email about this. Whilst you will still get our letters by email even if you have not registered you do need to register in order to be able to complete forms which will be sent out using this system. If you cannot find your registration email please contact the school office.

Water Bottles

Please be reminded that children need a bottle of water to drink during the school day. This must be plain water. Children may also bring in a flavoured drink – eg squash – however this will be for lunchtime, your child will not have access to this during lesson time.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's

In Collective Worship a welcome-back theme focus reminded all the school community the importance of our school's Christian Vision, Values and Narrative. The children shared what it means to 'shine their light before others' and the importance of Peace, Friendship, Respect, Trust and Perseverance.

We welcomed Revd. Catherine Tucker, who talked about the importance of the Bible, as well as our links with St Mary's Church, Dover. The children 'wowed' us all with their enthusiasm and energy in Singing Collective Worship. Moreover, and understandably, today's Collective Worship paid tribute in remembering Queen Elizabeth II; with respect, celebrations from the week's learning and behaviour were also presented.

Thought for the week

We invite members of our school to pray using the newly written Church of England prayer for Queen Elizabeth II

*Gracious God, we give thanks
For the life of your Servant Queen Elizabeth,
For her faith and her dedication to duty.
Bless our nation as we mourn her death
And may her example continue to inspire us:
Through Jesus Christ our Lord*

Amen

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Winter - She has made a fantastic start to big school! She always listens well and enjoys learning new things. She is a kind friend and loves to help others. Well done!

Class 1 - Eric - He has worked so hard this week, learning to sort objects by colour, size and type. He impressed us all by doing the task all on his own. He has engaged well with all the learning and we love his enthusiasm! Well done!

Class 2 - This person has been amazing. She has settled into Year 2 brilliantly. She is respectful to all those around her and is a fantastic friend to her peers. A super first week - keep up the great work.

Class 3 - Mallory - She is a great role model. She has come into class with a positive and confident attitude to learning. She has shown care and respect for others. She shines through her effort and enjoyment of learning. Well done.

Class 4 - This person has demonstrated such a positive and enthusiastic attitude in school. She is focused and attentive in every lesson and is keen to do her best in every task. She listens intently and is eager to share her thoughts and ideas in discussions. A wonderful attitude. Well done!

Class 5 - Sanad - is incredibly brave and bubbly! He has settled in wonderfully and has been a joy to teach. He is a whizz at times tables and shows our school values of friendship. Thank you and well done!

Class 6 - George - He has made a positive start to Year 6. He has illustrated our Christian values expertly and has been an excellent role model to his peers. What a brilliant start to year 6!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

7th - Class 2 - 56 points
6th - Class 5 - 71 points
5th - Class 1 - 75 points
4th - Class 6 - 83 points
3rd - Class 4 - 85 points
2nd - Class R - 87 points
1st - Class 3 - 90 points



ATTENDANCE

Class R - 93%
Class 1 - 87%
Class 2 - 90%
Class 3 - 93%
Class 4 - 92%
Class 5 - 88%
Class 6 - 95%



Whole school 91%

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - **Week 3**
Week beginning Monday, 12th September

£2.43 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>

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

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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.

