

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2022



## Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



## A Message from Ms Comfort

### Meet the Teacher

Very many thanks to all of those of you who were able to join us for our open evening/meet the teacher event this week. We had a super turnout; so many children were proud to bring their grown-ups into school to share their classroom and their work with them. Thank you also for the positive feedback received.

### 'Swim' said the Momma Fishie!

Do you have any phrases which you say in your family which might seem a bit strange to others? I can clearly remember as a child my mother saying the phrase 'swim said the momma fishy' which I now know is a phrase from the Three Little Fishies song written in 1939, a verse of which is below. Learning to swim was really important in my childhood – we were lucky to live near to a large pool and we swam often. For our children now, who live in a seaside town, being able to swim is such an important life skill (literally).

*Down in a meadow  
In a little bitty pool  
Swam three little fishies  
And a mommy fishy too  
Swim said the momma fishy,  
Swim if you can  
So they swam and they swam  
All over the dam*

I am really pleased that our Year 6 class started their school swimming lessons this week. These children swam with the school last year so are in a good position to build on skills already learnt. It is so important that all parent/carers support their children by allowing and encouraging them to attend our school swimming lessons – learning this skill as an adult is so much harder. Not being able to swim means the children miss out on so much and are put into a potentially very dangerous situation should they fall in open water.

If you are able to take your child swimming in addition to the school swimming sessions that will also be great and will help them to be the best they can be.

If you have any concerns about school swimming please speak to a member of staff

## Looking Ahead

We will be celebrating Harvest Festival on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September with a service at St Mary's Church for the children and families in Classes 1 – 6. Look out for a letter nearer the time with further details. The school photographer will be at school on 6<sup>th</sup> October to take individual and family group photographs.

## House Captains

The children in Class 6 have recently completed a democratic process to appoint House Captains. They were invited to volunteer for the position and then persuade their classmates as to why there were the best candidate! A secret ballot was held and we were all thrilled to hear the announcement of who had won the positions in Collective Worship today when badges were awarded.

## Settling in

Mrs Milton, one of our Mid-day Supervisors who many of you will know, sent me the following message:

*'I'd just like to say how well I think the new reception class have settled in. They have done amazingly in the lunch hall, they have sat nicely, been polite, I've seen plenty of smiles and very few tears. I gave the whole class a few extra golden manner points this week because they definitely deserve to win'.*

Isn't that fantastic news to hear about our newest, youngest pupils. Well done to the staff, families and of course the children themselves!

## School closed Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022 for Queen Elizabeth II's Funeral

Please be reminded that school is closed on Monday to all staff and children as a mark of respect for the Queen on the day of her funeral. I am sure that many of you will take the time to watch the proceedings on television and to reflect on her long reign.

I wish you all a good weekend.

**Ms H Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

### Collective Worship at St Mary's

Many opportunities to reflect and be still this week, as Collective Worship was enjoyed by all.

Pupils continued to explore our Christian Narrative in more detail, looking at the Bible reading Matthew 5:14-16 *'You are the light of the world'*. The children discussed why it is important to 'speak out' and be a 'voice for the voiceless'. Can your child share with you any of the ideas we gathered?

Mrs Wallis delivered an inspiring Collective Worship sharing the many successes our late Queen Elizabeth II had in her reign.

On Wednesday we were lucky enough to have a visitor join Revd. Melissa - Martin Crowther from Maison Dieu Hall. Martin shared many important messages about 'pilgrimage', as well as the history of Maison Dieu. The children had the opportunity to understand what pilgrimage is and the impact it has on individual's lives.

In Singing Worship, the children started practising Harvest hymns in preparation for our Harvest Festival in a couple of weeks.

Finally, today Mr Lamprell was delighted to share all the amazing celebrations from this week, as well as announce our new House Captains!

### Thought for the week



### Clubs!

The club offer information has now been sent home. There is a very short space of time for you to submit your requests, the deadline is next Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September. Notification of places allocated will then be sent out. Thank you.

## The week ahead...

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September

- School Closed. Additional Bank Holiday for Queen Elizabeth II's funeral.

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> September

- Class 6 swimming
- Deadline to request Club place

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> September

- Class 6 swimming

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September

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Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September

- Pantomime reply deadline

## ATTENDANCE

Class R - 95%  
Class 1 - 85%  
Class 2 - 82%  
Class 3 - 92%  
Class 4 - 82%  
Class 5 - 91%  
Class 6 - 91%

Attendance



Whole school 88%

## HOUSE POINTS

Lang - 156 points  
Temple - 108 points  
Ramsay - 92 points  
Fisher - 90 points

## GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

7<sup>th</sup> - Class 3 - 50 points  
6<sup>th</sup> - Class 5 - 68 points  
5<sup>th</sup> - Class 2 - 69 points  
4<sup>th</sup> - Class 4 - 75 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Class 1 - 77 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Class 6 - 100 points  
1<sup>st</sup> - Class R - 109 points



## Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

**Class R** - Riley - He comes into school every day with a big smile on his face, ready to learn. He is a helpful member of the class. This week he wowed us with his super writing, trying hard to form each letter in his name. Well done.

**Class 1** - Caitlin - She is always trying so hard to listen and has been working hard in everything she does. She completed several independent tasks confidently. We are proud of her!

**Class 2** - Bryan - He has challenged himself and tried his best with every task. He has been fantastic at retelling the story in our English lessons. We are so proud of you. Keep up the great work!

**Class 3** - Henley - He has adapted to new situations with a good level of maturity. He has great ideas and thoughts and has tried his very best at showing this in his writing. Well done!

**Class 4** - Amber - She has shown an amazing attitude towards all our learning and tries her best with every task. She has impressed us with her maths understanding and wonderful ideas. Well done!

**Class 5** - Pasha-Mai - She has shown great perseverance and has rocketed through her work. She has shown a fantastic work ethic. We are so proud of her. Well done!

**Class 6** - Lilah - She has made a brilliant start to year 6. She is happy, helpful and friendly. She has a brilliant attitude towards her learning and is an absolute pleasure to have in class. Keep up the hard work!

## Oh yes we will or oh no we won't?!!

Many thanks to those Key Stage 2 families who have completed the Parentmail permission slip and sent in monies for the Pantomime trip.

We need to know about those who have not yet replied in order to make a decision about whether this trip can go ahead so if you have not yet completed the form, please do so early next week and definitely **by Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September**. As stated before, **we cannot extend the deadline** as we have to give back unsold tickets to the Marlowe Theatre. Your help with this is much appreciated.



## GO WITH THE FLO

Good afternoon to you all,

I wanted to re-introduce myself. My name is Miss Hayley Lamb and I am the school's Family Liaison Officer. I am available to support children with their emotional well-being, school attendance and other struggles that may arise. I am also here to support you, as a family, so if you feel you need some support, please feel free to give me a call, email or catch me on one of the school gates; I will always do my best to help.

I would like to ask for your support in return and endeavour to get your child to school on time. The school gates open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am. Any child arriving after 8.55am will be marked on the register as late. I look forward to supporting you all throughout your time at St Mary's CEP

**ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**

**Lunch Menu - Week 1**  
**Week beginning Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.principals-catering.com)

## 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.

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