

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 23rd September 2022



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



Peace



Friendship



Respect



Trust



Perseverance

A Message from Ms Comfort

A short week at school but still plenty packed in!

Parentmail

Many of you are now using our Parentmail system to receive letters and forms – I hope you are finding it helpful and easy to use. We are aware that some parent/carers are experiencing difficulty – if you have already let the school office know we will be working on resolving this for you. Please see over for some tips which may help; if they do not please let the school office know.

School Clubs

School clubs start next week for those children who have applied for a place. Please be reminded that children attending a club must be collected by an adult (aged 18+ years) and you must advise in advance who this will be.

Attendance and Punctuality

Thank for sending your children to school regularly and on time. As you will know we monitor attendance on a daily basis and will call parent/carers in for meetings if we have concerns about a high level of absence. We also monitor children arriving to school on time. We understand that sometimes things happen which cause an unexpected delay; if you are late (gates are open from 8.40-8.55am) you need to bring your child to the Laureston Place entrance and sign them in at the office.

Walking to School

A member of the public – who also works for KCC Highways – telephoned school this week to express concern about how one of our families was crossing the busy dual carriage way on their way to school. She was concerned that they were not using the pedestrian crossing but were instead trying to cross the road at an unsafe place. We do have some very busy roads in Dover – please use safe crossing places and ensure that your children know to do so too if you are not with them.

Harvest Festival

Hopefully you will have seen the letter which has been sent out regarding our Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church on Tuesday 27th September from 9.30am. We are collecting for Dover Foodbank – if you are able to donate something please send it to school on Tuesday. Families are warmly invited to join us; you will be able to take your seats in the church from 9.20am.

Reception Class 2023

We are already starting to think about our next new Reception Class. Do you have a child born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019? If so they will be eligible to start school in September 2023. We welcome families to book an appointment to come and have a look around our school at a time to suit. Please spread the word to anyone you know with a child of the right age.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms H Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's

The children explored the Bible story of Ruth this week focusing on being a loyal friend and supporting those who need it most. Revd. Melissa was joined by Trish Simmons (vice-chair governor), who supported in Collective Worship - the children were very happy to see her. In Singing Collective Worship, the children continued to practise songs for our Harvest Festival (which is next Tuesday). Celebration Collective Worship was filled with lots of praise as many awards, including Homework Certificates, were given to children - well done!

Parentmail:-

If you have not yet received your Parentmail registration please check that we hold the correct email account information on our system. If the email address is correct, please check your SPAM or Junk folders. If they are not in your SPAM or Junk folders please add 'info@parentmail.co.uk' into your contacts in case your provider's filtering system is blocking it. Once you've added 'info@parentmail.co.uk' to your contacts please let the office staff know so another registration email can be sent. Many thanks

GO WITH THE FLO

We have been so fortunate to have such lovely warm weather over the recent months but as the weather starts to change and the days are becoming cooler, I would like to remind you all that children must have coats in school.

A small plea.....

I know that in the current times, every family is feeling the financial pinch, but please could I ask, if you have any jogging bottoms or PE shorts that your child has outgrown, laying around, no longer used, that you consider donating them to the school? We have lots of spare uniform for children but not so much in the way of PE kit.

Any donations will be gratefully received and any donations unable to be used in school will be passed on to charities who can use them.

Enjoy the weekend

Miss Hayley Lamb. Family liaison Officer

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Thought of the Week

WHERE
YOU GO
I'LL
GO,
WHERE
YOU STAY
I'LL STAY.
RUTH 1:16

HOUSE POINTS

Lang - 178 points

Fisher - 170 points

Ramsay - 143 points

Temple - 130 points

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

Joint 5th - Classes 2 & 3 60 points -
Joint 4th - Classes 5 & 6 - 65 points
3rd Class R - 66 points
2nd - Class 4 - 80 points
1st - Class 1 - 83 points



ATTENDANCE

Class R - 77%
Class 1 - 70%
Class 2 - 66%
Class 3 - 67%
Class 4 - 74%
Class 5 - 78%
Class 6 - 70%

Whole school 71%



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Logan - He is always a kind friend to others and has wonderful manners. He tries his best in everything he does and loves to cheer on his friends too. He is a superstar!

Class 1 - Aria - She did amazing writing this week when we changed the story of the Three Little Pigs to the Three Little Mermaids! Well done, we are proud of you.

Class 2 - Sapphire - She has tried her best and persevered with every challenge this week. She always comes to school with a smile on her face and has a positive attitude to her learning. Keep up the great work - we are very proud of you!

Class 3 - Marley - Big congratulations, he has made some exceptional progress in Mathematics. He has concentrated on specific tasks and completed them with great independence and pace. He has enjoyed demonstrating his knowledge of numbers. We are proud of him!

Class 4 - Jesus - He has been an absolute star in every lesson. He has impressed us with his maths and has shown excellent football skills during PE lessons. Well done. A brilliant week!

Class 5 - Katie - She shows great urgency to finish her work! She always tried her best and participates in every lesson. Her work is amazing. Well done. We are proud of her!

Class 6 - Bailey - For his brilliant attitude towards his learning. He has been on fire this week and set a fantastic example to his peers! Keep up the brilliant work, we are all proud of him!

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - Week 2

Week beginning Monday, 19th 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

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.

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

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

