

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 30th September 2022



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



Peace



Friendship



Respect



Trust



Perseverance

A Message from Ms Comfort

Harvest Celebration

We ploughed the fields and scattered at the beginning of this week at our annual Harvest Festival Celebration at St Mary's Church. It was heart-warming to have so many family members join us for our first public event of the year. The children enjoyed taking their donated items up to the altar and handing them over to Liz Fisher our Chair of Governors and Revd Melissa Carter.

Classes celebrated harvest and gratitude through singing, poetry, artwork, the story of how bread is made and prayer.

Dover Foodbank will be pleased to receive your generous donations. Please do remember that if you ever need a foodbank parcel we are able to issue vouchers – contact Hayley Lamb our Family Liaison Officer.



Be Smart Day

We will be supporting our good friends Dover Smart Project on Friday with their Be Smart fundraiser. Look out for a separate letter giving details – spoiler alert; silly socks are to be worn!

Say Hello, Wave Goodbye

We are always blessed at St Mary's CEP with the most marvellous office staff. As you will appreciate the school office is our 'shop window' and our office team are the first staff representing our school who most people come into contact with. We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Wendy Sheridan as she finishes with us this week. I thank her for looking after many children, families and staff so well.

The good news, however, is that Mrs Carol Morley will be returning to our school office to replace Mrs Sheridan. Many of you will already know her from working in our office previously – she is looking forward to coming back and catching up with you all again!

Oh yes, we will!

Very many thanks to Key Stage 2 families for responding so promptly to our recent letter. We have had an overwhelmingly positive response to our letter about the Marlowe Theatre Pantomime trip in December so I am very pleased to say that this trip will be going ahead. Further details will be confirmed nearer the time.

Parentmail

Are you still experiencing problems with parentmail? If so do please let the school office team know so that you and your children do not miss out.

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

As always, Collective Worship was full of excitement and reflection this week. The children explored the meaning of Harvest and why Christians believe it is so important. We enjoyed inviting our school community to St Mary's Church, Dover; the children thoroughly enjoyed sharing their Harvest performance in such a lovely environment. Revd. Melissa discussed why Christians show gratitude within the Harvest year as well as encouraged the children to think about the message from the bible verse shared (Psalm 104: 14). In addition, there were more moments of spiritual development in Singing Worship and Celebration Collective Worship - a super week!

GO WITH THE FLO

Today is 'National Love People Day' – a day which tasks us to understand the meaning of unconditional love.

I ask you to surround your family with people who wholeheartedly provide you with unconditional love, as it is this love that will give you the support and strength to required to face challenging times.

Enjoy the weekend.

Miss Hayley Lamb – Family Liaison Officer
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The week ahead...

Monday, 3rd October

Deadline to respond to Flu immunisations - use online form www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms

Tuesday, 4th October

Class 6 Swimming

Flu immunisations - School Nurses in school

Wednesday, 5th October

Class 6 Swimming

Thursday, 6th October

Individual Photographs

Census Day - all children in KS1 & Reception Class to please have a school lunch to secure their Infant Free School Meals funding for the year

Friday, 7th October

'Be Smart Day'. All staff and children of St Mary's CEP can donate a £1 and wear their silliest socks to school. Money to support Dover smart project.

Thought for the Week



Photographs

The individual pupil photographs will take place on Thursday, 6th October – clean uniform, shiny faces and a big smile please!



ATTENDANCE

Class R – 93 %
Class 1 – 87%
Class 2 – 79%
Class 3 – 81%
Class 4 – 84%
Class 5 – 78%
Class 6 – 85%

Whole school 86%



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

7th – Class 2 – 40 points
6th – Class 1 – 73 points
5th – Class 6 – 74 points
Joint 3rd Classes 3 & 5 – 75 points
2nd – Class R – 80 points
1st – Class 4 – 100 points

HOUSE POINTS

Temple – 185 points

Lang – 182 points

Fisher – 158 points

Ramsay – 154 points

WORD OWL

Orcas – 101,522

words read

WORD WIZARD

Orcas -28 Quizzes taken

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Piper – She is Turtles learner of the week! She created a fantastic piece of artwork using scissors, pictures and felt pens. She has also been working hard to learn out new letter sounds each day in Phonics. Well done!

Class 1 – Amelia – She has been using her sound every day to confidently blend words together. She has joined in with whole class phonics then applied her sounds to her reading book beautifully. She is trying so hard and is a role model to others. We are proud of her!

Class 2 – Jay – He comes to school every morning with a smile on his face. He does not give up when faced with a challenge and has produced some work that he can be proud of. He is a super reader and has wowed us with his reading and writing skills. Keep up the great work!

Class 3 – Paignton – She is a star every week! She perseveres in all her learning particularly in applying mathematical concepts. She is always willing to help others, is organised and a reliable member of the class. Well done. We are very proud of you!

Class 4 – Gabrielle – She has demonstrated such a positive and enthusiastic attitude in school. She is focussed and attentive in every lesson and is keen to do her best in all tasks. She listens intently and is eager to share her thoughts and ideas in discussions. Well done!

Class 5 – Alex – He is constantly hard at work. He has shown true perseverance in all of his subjects. He is one of the first in class to have his head down and be working. He is a pleasure to teach. He is particularly good at times tables. Well done!

Class 6 – Sebastian – He has worked his socks off and we could not be any prouder. His attitude towards his learning has been brilliant and he has produced some fantastic work which he should be very proud of. He has made such great progress. Keep up the hard work!

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

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher
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ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - **Week 3**
Week beginning Monday, 3rd October 2022

£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

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.

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/>