

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 7th October 2022



Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance



A Message from Ms Comfort

Brrr!!

There is a definite chill in the air today. Please ensure that children have warm clothing for school. If you have any problems with providing a coat or any parts of school uniform for your child please contact Hayley Lamb, our Family Liaison Officer, who will be able to help.

Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS)

Hopefully you will have seen the letter sent out to you all yesterday to advise that St Mary's CEP will be subject to a church inspection on Wednesday 12th October. The inspector, Liz Pettersen, will spend most of the day with children and staff exploring the key question

"How effective is the school's distinctive Christian vision, established and promoted by leadership at all levels, in enabling pupils and adults to flourish?"

Ms Pettersen is scheduled to be at the Maison Dieu gate in the morning when children are arriving – do have a chat with her if you would like to.

Science at St Mary's CEP

Mr Lamprell, Mrs Wallis and I had a good look at some of the children's science workbooks earlier this week. We were impressed with the amount of work the children have already completed and enjoyed reading their learning about seasonal changes and living things – classes had made good use of our school environment. We could see many children taking a pride in their work – they were trying hard with their handwriting and presentation.

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.

Happy weekend one and all.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's

We explored prayer in our Collective Worship this week. Christians believe that it is important to pray and wait to see how God will answer their prayers. They believe that God will do this as part of his bigger plan for people. We listened to the story of Samuel in 1 Samuel 3. When he was very young, Samuel had to listen carefully to God as God had a special message he wanted him to share with Eli. As Samuel grew up, God continued to speak through him and all of Israel listened to him. Perhaps you could consider in your family how easy it is to listen to important messages given to you?

Thought for the Week

**Be still,
and know that
I am God.**

– Psalm 46:10



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Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Catalina is Turtles Learner of the Week. She has amazed us all with her super problem solving in maths. Well done Catalina! We are very proud of you!

Class 1 - Our Learner of the Week has impressed us with their fantastic weather questions, which they then blended together and wrote them beautifully in their book. They are a role model to others and we are very proud of you!

Class 2 - Otters Learner of the Week comes to school every day with a smile on her face and is a fantastic friend to her peers. She is kind and polite to everyone around her and is a brilliant example of our school rules.

Class 3 - **Tye** has been a wonderful Learner of the Week as he always understands and follows our school values and rules. Mrs Jones has been very impressed by Tye's progress in reading, and Miss Green and Miss Lamoon have been amazed by Tye's great ideas in English. We are very proud of you Tye!

Class 4 - **Kassem** is Penguins' Learner of the Week as he has been an absolute star. He has a wonderful attitude towards his learning and always tries his best. He is a kind member of our class - always demonstrating our Christian value - 'FRIENDSHIP'.

Class 5 - **Zeb** is Orcas class Learner of the Week. He is really starting to flourish, and always contributes in class during our R.E. and science lessons. Well done Zeb! We are really proud of you!

Class 6 - **Arean** is our Learner of the Week. This week Arean has worked hard to improve his presentation and he has blown us away with the improvement he has shown. In Science, Arean has beautifully illustrated a story board showing how the peppered moth has adapted to its changing environment. Well done Arean!



BeSmart Day

We were very pleased to support Dover Smart Project with their annual fundraiser today. Huge thanks to all of those children and staff who made a donation for the privilege of wearing their silly socks to school today!



We welcomed Dawn and Laura from the project who joined our Collective Worship today to say thank you. You can find out more about the Dover Smart Project by clicking on the link to their website.

<https://doversmartproject.co.uk/>

Class winners for the silliest socks were:

Class R - Riley C & Piper

Class 1 - George & Lily-Marie

Class 2 - Brian W & Sapphire

Class 3 - Leo & Lara

Class 4 - Brodie & Emily

Class 5 - Alex & Eliza

Class 6 - Max & Lilah



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st - **Class 6** - 142 points

2nd - **Class 4** - 140 points

3rd - **Class 3** - 70 points



FAIR PLAY AWARD

1st - **RAMSEY** - 139 points

2nd - **TEMPLE** - 138 points

3rd - **FISHER** - 136 points

4th - **LANG** - 130 points

Class R - 91.0%

Class 1 - 90.4%

Class 2 - 76.72%

Class 3 - 80.0%

Class 4 - 81.2%

Class 5 - 85.6%

Class 6 - 86.8%

Whole school - 84.5%

Attendance



The week ahead...

Monday 10th October

Tuesday 11th October

Class 6 Swimming
Football club

Wednesday 12th October

SIAMS Inspection
Class 6 Swimming

Thursday 13th October

Multi-skills club

Friday 14th October

Class 2 Family Collective Worship

Go with the FLO...

FAMILY FOOD BANK

The Family Food Bank provides support to families that are experiencing financial hardship, meaning they are unable to buy food or are left with a difficult choice between paying for food or other basic necessities.

<https://www.familyfoodbank.org/>

INCLUDES US 2

Includes Us 2 is a local parent-driven charity providing Information and Support to disabled children, young people and the Ashford, Shepway and Dover.



Includes Us 2 is led by a Board of Trustees, the majority of whom are themselves parents of disabled children. This means we are able to ensure that our mission and values reflect the needs of disabled children and their families living in our area.

<https://www.includesus2.org.uk/>

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - **Week 1**

Week beginning Mon 10th October

£2.43 per day

Follow the link below to view the menu:

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1269&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>

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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