St Mary's Church of England Primary School, Dover

Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 8th March 2024

Our Christian Values

Peace; Friendship; Respect; Trust; Perseverance

A Message from Ms Comfort

Wonderful World Book Day!

We all had the most super time at school celebrating World Book Day. The staff and children looked amazing in their costumes – HUGE thanks to everyone for making such an effort. Do please enjoy these photographs which capture the spirit of the day so well.

Learner of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Turtles Class Learner of the Week is **Noah** as he is an enthusiastic learner, who always tries his best. Noah enjoys asking and answering questions and is always keen to share his ideas. He has wowed us with his super reading and writing. Well done Noah!

Class 1 – Our Learner of the Week in Starfish Class is **Ezra**! Ezra has been trying really hard in class and has persevered when reading new words. He has worked hard when writing sentences, and is helpful to others when reading in partners. Well done Ezra – we are so proud of you!

Class 2 – Otters Class Learner of the Week is **George** as he is a kind and cheerful member of the class who is always ready to try his best with every task. George listens well to instructions and is always eager to offer help to others. We are very proud of you George – keep up the good work!

Class 3 – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Waleed** as he is an incredibly kind, cheerful and sociable member of our class and is always respectful to adults and his peers. Waleed is a good and attentive learner, and it has been lovely to watch his confidence grow, particularly during our class discussions and writing tasks. Well done Waleed!

Class 4 – Penguins Class Learner of the Week has shown an amazing attitude towards all of their learning. They have worked hard to write their own story based on the class text 'Kensuke's Kingdom', and created a fantastic 'Wanted' poster for a Roman soldier. Well done – we are so proud of you!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week in Orcas Class is **Ayrton** as he has made a really positive start to life at St Mary's. Ayrton shows a keen interest in his learning and is always willing to ask and answer questions to deepen his understanding. Ayrton also engages well with home learning challenges and has made an excellent Viking longship using Lego. Keep trying hard Ayrton – you are an Awesome Orca!

Class 6 – Seahorses Class Learner of the Week is **Keatyn** as she is a happy, kind and thoughtful member of our class, and always supports others. Keatyn has applied maximum effort to all of her learning this week, and has been working hard in both her English and maths lessons. She has shown great progress and made all the adults in class proud. Keep up the great work Keatyn!

Collective Worship at St Mary's CEP School, Dover

In our Collective Worship this week and next we will be re-visiting events in the life of Jesus leading up to the Easter journey.

On Monday we thought about the best advice that we have ever heard or given. We also thought about who we would trust to give us the best advice.

Christians believe that Jesus' mum was there to give him advice early in his ministry, when he first started to show people that he was there to teach them about who God is and what God is like. We thought about the example of Jesus turning water to wine - Jesus and Mary, his mother, attended a wedding, in Cana and when the wine ran out, she gave the servants advice to do as Jesus told them to do and the water was changed into wine so that the celebration could continue.

Good advice which we can trust often gives us the confidence to work well with others and get the best out of each other. I wonder how you will advise well today or be well advised?

Parent Governor

Have you thought about becoming a parent governor?

If you are interested in this role we would love to hear from you.

Please look out for information being sent via ParentMail in the near future.

Go with the Flo…

Every School Day Matters!

Education is like building blocks. Each day that your child is in school, they are adding a new block to their foundation. These blocks represent the knowledge, skills, and understanding that they need to be successful in life.

When your child misses school for any reason, it is like leaving a gap in the foundation. This can make it difficult for them to build on their learning and to keep up with their classmates.

Even a few days of missed school can have a negative impact on your child's academic achievement. Research has shown that students who miss school are more likely to fall behind their class mates.

Make sure you child is in school every day and that they arrive on time. If you are struggling to get your child to school please call the office and arrange an appointment with me so we can help support you and your child so that your child can reach their full educational potential.

Mrs Debbie Morris – Family Liaison Officer

SEND Spotlight

Support at your GP practice

Involve Kent have Children's Health and Wellbeing Navigators at over 80 GP surgeries across Kent.

Their friendly Navigators help support children, young people (aged up to 18, or 24 for those with SEND) with a long term health condition, neurodevelopment or sensory disabilities (e.g. ASD and ADHD), or mental health issues such as low mood, anxiety, or lack of social networks.

Visit https://www.involvekent.org.uk/how-can-we-help/young-people/support-at-your-gp/ for more information.

Mrs Charlotte Burkett - SENCo

HOUSE POINTS

1st – LANG – 223 points
2nd – FISHER – 182 points
3rd – TEMPLE – 181 points
4th – RAMSEY – 171 points

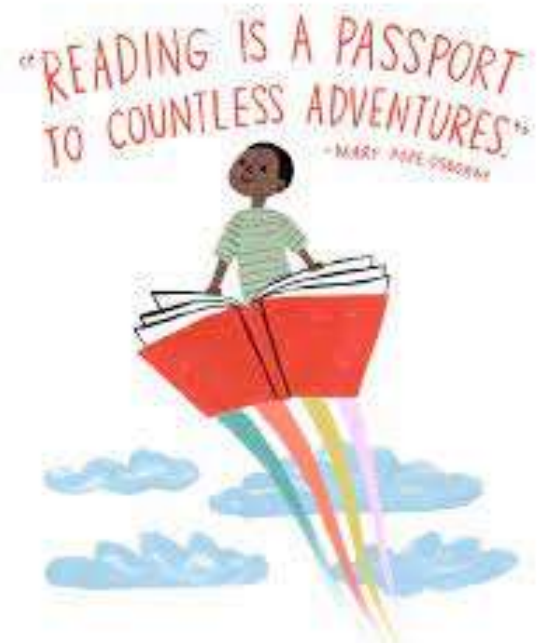
The winning House for best attendance this week is……

LANG !!

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 5 – 98 Points
2nd – Class 2 – 95 points
Joint 3rd – Class R, Class 4 & Class 6 – 90 points

Thought for the Week



Term 4 2024

Monday 11th March:
Travelling Book Fair – school hall

Tuesday 12th March:
Parent / Carer Consultations
Team Building & Inclusive Sports Club – Years 1, 2 & 3

Wednesday 13th March:

Thursday 14th March:
Parent / Carer Consultations
Multi-Sports Club – Years 4, 5 & 6

Friday 15th March:
Red Nose Day for Comic Relief

We're Going on a Bear Hunt at Dover Library, in the Dover Gateway Building!

We're celebrating World Book Day at Dover Library, on Saturday, 9 March. Drop in to take part in between 11.30 am – 3 pm.

Listen to the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', written by Michael Rosen, at 1.30 pm and find the famous bears around the library, guess their names to answer a bonus question for a chance to try the lucky dip!

Bring your own bear and take part in the Teddy Bear's Picnic. They'll be quizzes and colouring too.

Suitable for ages 4 – 11 years of age. Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

For more information about the services we offer, you can also go to www.kent.gov.uk/libs

Dover Library, Dover Gateway, 69 – 71 Castle Street, Dover CT16 1PD
Telephone: 03000 41 31 31 Email doverlibrary@kent.gov.uk

Lunch Menu – Week 2

Week beginning Monday 11th March 2024

Please follow the link below to register and pay for your child's meals:
https://chandcoparents.myschoolmealorders.com/login

£2.67 per day – All meals must be paid in advance

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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