

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 11th September 2020

Well Done Everyone!

This has proved to be a hugely successful week in many ways. Working together as an effective school community – children, parents and staff – we have established safe routines for arrival and dismissal; thank you to everyone for supporting these arrangements. We have also established with the children and staff safe routines for the working day from handwashing and sanitising to keeping ourselves safe in our dedicated bubbles. The families, children and staff have all been brilliant and I thank you all.

I would also like to say a huge thank you in particular to all of those car drivers who have parked away from Laureston Place and Ashen Tree Lane, keeping our pedestrians safe and being fair to everyone. As you know, all children need to be brought to school by an adult and collected by one at the end of the day – again very many thanks to all those of you sensibly and safely bringing your child(ren) to the school gates.

Attendance has been amazing this week, as has punctuality with all children arriving on time and being collected on time.

Physical Education (PE)

We welcomed Mr Dean Gonsalves to the staff team this week who, as Sports Coach, will be delivering one PE lesson for each class every week as well as leading sporting activity at lunchtime.



We will continue with children changing just their footwear for PE lessons at school – no other PE kit is needed. Please send in a pair of plimsolls or trainers for your child to wear, we had quite a lot of children this week who did not have these in school. Classes 1 to 6 have two PE lessons a week. Year R will start PE in the coming weeks – we will keep you updated.

Hot School Lunches

I am pleased to say that hot school lunches started again this week. **ALL** children in Reception Class, Class 1 and Class 2 can have a **FREE** hot meal every day and I strongly encourage you to allow your child to have a hot meal. Meals are also available for children in Classes 3 – 6, some of whom also receive free school meals. Have a look at the menu for next week.



<https://meals.principals-catering.com/menu>

If you wish your child to have a hot school meal ask them to tell their teacher at morning registration. Meals must be paid for online, in advance, direct to Principals using the following link:

<https://www.principals-catering.com/>

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class 1 - Paignton

Class 2 - Mia

Class 3 - Katie A

Class 4 - Sebastian

Class 5 - Rudie

Class 6 - The whole of Class 6!

Fair Play Award

4th - Ramsey - 11 points

3rd - Fisher - 15 points

Joint 1st - Temple & Lang
16 points

Golden Manner Points

1st - Class 5

2nd - Class 6

3rd - Class 4

Well done everyone!





At this time of the school year, we usually invite all families into school to meet their child's new class teacher. As you know, we cannot do that this year, so the teachers in Classes 1 to 6 have prepared newsletters and PowerPoint presentations, which we will publish on our school website for you - I will let you know when these are available.

Reception Class parents have already received PowerPoint presentation as part of our induction work.

Thought for the Week

If you *RETURN* to me
and *OBEY* my
commands... I *WILL*
gather you from there
and bring you to the
place I have chosen
as a dwelling for
my Name.
Nehemiah 1:9

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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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Worship takes place in class at the moment. We met Nehemiah this week, who worked hard to rebuild his city. He worked with friends to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Very much like this week, where we have begun to build our new school community after returning from our Summer break.

Coronavirus Symptoms

Your child must **NOT** come to school if they, or anyone in their household, has any of the main coronavirus symptoms - a temperature, a new cough or a change in taste or smell. If anyone has these symptoms, a coronavirus test **MUST** be carried out.

To get a test go online to:

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

OR

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

OR

Telephone 119

There has been a huge increase nationally in the number of tests being requested so you will need to keep on trying until you have an appointment at a test centre or have arranged to receive a test by post. Please keep the school informed regarding your child's absence and the outcome of the test. They are not to come back to school until they, or the person they live with who has symptoms, receives a negative result.

Please see our school website for the latest information
www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk

