

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

## Keeping in Touch

The teaching staff have written class newsletters, which are now in 'Class Pages' on the school website, and also attached to this letter. They have also produced a PowerPoint presentation for you in place of the parent/teacher meeting we usually hold at this time of year. This is also attached to this email for your attention.

Teaching staff can be contacted by email on the email addresses listed below – if you have an urgent message which needs to be seen during the school day, please use the usual office email – [office@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net). You can also request a telephone conversation with your child's class teacher – let the school office staff know that you would like one and they will organise this for you.

Year R – [sam.riley@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:sam.riley@stmarysprimary.net)

Year 1 – [emma.fagg@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:emma.fagg@stmarysprimary.net) or [daisy.craig@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:daisy.craig@stmarysprimary.net)

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Year 6 – [kloges@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:kloges@stmarysprimary.net)

## Coronavirus Symptoms

We continue to follow the Government guidance which directs schools that children or staff with any of the three symptoms of Covid: a new continuous cough; a fever; a change in taste or smell are to stay at home and isolate, as must the rest of their household. If the person with the symptoms has a Covid test result which is negative they, and the rest of the household, may return to school or work. If you are not able to get a test, or do not wish to, then the child or member of the household with symptoms must stay at home for 10 days and the rest of the family for 14 days. Following this time if they are well they can return to school or work, if still unwell they are to follow health professional advice.

I realise that children are prone to fevers and coughs and that currently the likelihood of them having Covid is low however, I ask that you continue to support us with this matter. If the Government guidance for schools and/or testing children changes then we will of course change our approach.

Thank you for your support with this matter, I know it can be frustrating organising a test and not being able to send your child to school. To date all test results for members of our school community have been negative which is, of course, good news.

**To get a test go online to:**

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

**OR**

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

**OR**

**Telephone 119**

## Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

**Class 1** - Hope

**Class 2** - Eddie

**Class 3** - Keatyn

**Class 4** - Austin

**Class 5** - Jessica

**Class 6** - Aston

## Fair Play Award

**4<sup>th</sup>** - Fisher - 21 points

**3<sup>rd</sup>** - Temple - 22 points

**2<sup>nd</sup>** - Lang - 24 points

**1<sup>st</sup>** - Ramsey - 25 points

## Golden Manner Points

**1<sup>st</sup>** - Class 6 - 40 points

**2<sup>nd</sup>** - Classes 4 & 5 - 10 points

**3<sup>rd</sup>** - Class 1 - 8 points

Well done everyone!



## Covid-Safe Measures

If you wish to refresh your memory regarding the measures we have in place to make school Covid-safe, they can be seen on the Home Page of our school website:

<http://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/2020/09/18/control-measures>

I have had an enquiry this week about delivery and collection arrangements at the beginning and end of the school day. To reiterate, all children – including Year 6 – are to be brought to school by an adult and collected at the end of the school day by an adult. This is to ensure that the children are assisted with maintaining safe social distancing. I thank you all for your support with this. We have Breakfast Club before school if this helps – please contact the school office for details.

## Thought for the Week



## Reading Books

Children will be bringing home reading books and/or be directed to online reading resources in the next couple of weeks - you will receive information about this nearer the time.



## Remote Learning

We are finalising our plans regarding make learning available for children if they are not able to come to school because they or someone in their household is isolating due to Covid symptoms. In the meantime, if you need home learning for your child for during the school day please email the class teacher on the address shown above and they will email you some work.

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

This week the focus has been on rebuilding together which fits in with us coming back together again as a school community. We explored stories in Nehemiah and Matthew, including the story of the foolish man who built his house on the sand and the wise man who built on the rocks.

Dear God who gives generously,  
We want to give wisely:

**'We will give all we can.'**

In our friendships and family:

**'We will give all we can.'**

In our work and in our play:

**'We will give all we can.'**

As we rebuild our school community:

**'We will give all we can.'**

**Amen**

Please see our school website for the latest information  
**[www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk)**

