

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 25th September 2020

Autumn Days!

Even though we have been so very fortunate with the weather the summer could not last forever and autumn has arrived with a vengeance in the latter part of this week. With our extended and social distanced arrival and dismissal arrangements we are all going to need suitable wet and cold weather clothing to keep us protected – that is children, staff and families! Please take some time this weekend, if you have not already, to sort out coats, wellies etc.

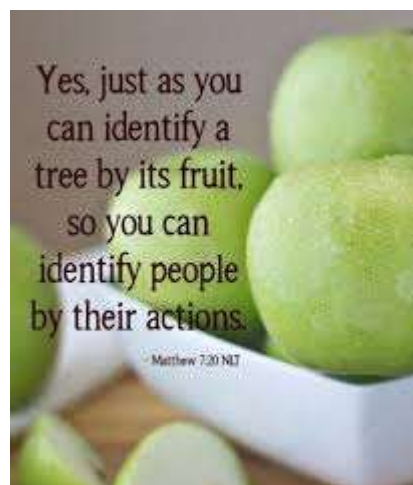


Collective Worship at St Mary's

This week's theme was 'learning together from Jesus the teacher'. We are very pleased to have Rev Melissa Carter leading our Collective Worship every Wednesday – through the wonders of modern technology she is able to appear in all classes on the big screen!

Rev Melissa talked to us about how Jesus said that people know us by our actions; they may hear or read about our actions and start to think they know us. If we do good things we are like a good tree growing fruit - we wondered how we can try and be like this.

Thought for the Week



Universal Infant Free School Meals Thursday, 1st October 2020

The children having a school cooked lunch are clearly enjoying the menu and I would encourage all the children in Classes R, 1 and 2 to have one each day.

The first census of the academic year will take place on **Thursday, 1st October**. The school is required to record the uptake of the Universal Infant Free School Meals on the day, and I am asking that **all** children register to have a hot school meal on **Thursday, 1st October**.

We will only receive money to pay for your child's hot dinners, at any point during the year, if they eat a school meal on the census day.

By eating on the census day you secure the funding for your child for the year and then you are flexible to choose when/if they eat hot school lunches – perhaps in relation to what is on the menu for any given day.

If you are concerned that your child may not eat well enough on census day you can of course send in a packed lunch on that day too. For your information the menu on Thursday, 1st October will be hot dog or vegetarian hot dog with fried onions and tomato ketchup, served with chunky wedges, BBQ beans and vegetable sticks. The main dish will be followed by chocolate sponge and cream.



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class 1 - Aaliyah is Starfish's 'Learner of the Week' this week as she has been a 'Superstar'. She always listens to know what is expected of her and tries her best with every task set.

Class 2 - Millie has been doing fantastic writing linked to our class book, she has also been really helpful in class and contributes her ideas regularly.

Class 3 - Saphira is always showing in class that she is ready to learn and enjoys sharing her ideas within the class discussion.

Class 4 - Bailey is always a cheerful, kind and polite member of the class. He tries his best in all his learning and is a great friend to his peers. Keep being you Bailey, we are all very proud of everything you do.

Class 5 - Suriya Excellent learning in maths. Helping others to understand maths. Lots of good reading

Class 6 - Iris is the learner of the week in Class Six! She has been a delight to teach since returning to school and her maths work has been amazing. Iris is a great friend to everyone in the class,

Fair Play Award

4th - Temple - 21 points

Joint 1st - Ramsey, Fisher & Lang - 25 points

Golden Manner Points

1st - Class 6 - 23 points

2nd - Class 2 & Class 5 - 15 points



Harvest Festival

Please see attached letter for details regarding Harvest Festival, which we will be celebrating on Thursday 1st October.



Parent Email Addresses

For some families we have just one email address on our system. If you have another email address which you would like us to be sending letters to so that both parents receive them, do please let the office staff know by emailing:

office@stmarysprimary.net



Further Protective Measures

Staff will be making increased use of face coverings in the communal areas and corridors at school. You will already have seen staff wearing face coverings at the beginning and end of the school day. It is sensible for family members delivering and collecting children to do so also. There continues to be no need for children to wear face coverings.

Coronavirus Symptoms

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.

Children and staff must also stay at home and isolate if a member of their household has any of these symptoms.

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 do not get a test 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.

We recommend that you get a test – you will most likely need to try a number of times to book a test. People who keep on trying are successful in getting one.

To get a test go online to:

nhs.uk/coronavirus

OR

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

OR

Telephone 111

Reading – Year R

We would love to share some ideas with you to help your child develop a love of reading. These are the first steps to take.

What can you do to help?

Share books that you have at home

Play rhyming games https://www.readingrockets.org/strategies/rhyming_games

Teach your child nursery rhymes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzc_Rd4TuYg

Look at and listen to stories online <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>

Join the local library to borrow books and listen to stories online

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/borrow-library-items/join-library-cards-and-pin>

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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