

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 2nd October 2020

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land

Huge thanks to all families for your overwhelming generosity in donating to our Harvest Festival collection this week. A vast number of food items have been collected and will be sent to the Dover Foodbank to support local families in need; thank you.

All classes in school have completed harvest related work this week, each focussing on a specific Bible reading. It was a real delight when this work was shared during our online Collective Worship on Thursday. Mrs Trelfer led our service, each class shared their work and Reverend Melissa Carter gave the blessing.



SAY CHEESE!



Individual School Photographs

Thursday 8th October

Children's photographs will be taken on Thursday by the school photography company, Van Cols. Due to our Covid safe regulations, we are not able to invite pre-school children to attend for this as we usually do. In addition, we will not be organising in-school family groups. All photographs this time will be individual ones.

Thought for the Week

*Thank you for the harvest
When fruit and berries grow
Thank you for the ripening corn
Planted long ago*

*Thank you for the autumn
And a warm and sunny day
Thank you for the harvest
And crops to store away*

*Thank you for the sugar beet
And fields of new mown hay
To feed the cows and horses
When winter comes to stay*



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class 1 - Aidan R is Starfish's 'Learner of the Week' this week. He is listening really well and trying really hard at all times. He has amazed us with his number and phonic work. Well done Aidan!

Class 2 - Jesika has been showing great perseverance in her leaning and is really trying her best.

Class 3 - Mileigh always works hard in class, is always smiling & has a 'can do' attitude. Mileigh taught her class to count to 10 in French this week!

Class 4 - Salomea has tried her best with every task this week. She always has the biggest smile on her face and is a brilliant friend to everyone!

Class 5 - Dylan P has been incredibly helpful, assisting those around him with Maths and English. He made a fabulous 'Be Brave' poster for PSHE.

Class 6 - Fred is Year 6 'Learner of the Week' for his brilliant attitude towards his learning! He has been working hard in every lesson and produced amazing work, which he should be proud of!

Fair Play Award

- 1st - Temple - 29 points
- 2nd - Ramsey - 27 points
- 3rd - Lang - 24 points
- 4th - Fisher - 20 points

Golden Manner Points

- 1st - Classes 1 & 2 - 25 points



Nasal Flu Vaccination – Wednesday 14th October

All children in school are being offered a nasal flu vaccination. These will take place on Wednesday 14th October for Years R to 5. Year 6 will be vaccinated after October half term – the date will be confirmed nearer the time.



You have already been sent information by the NHS Kent & Medway Immunisation team so that you can register your child. Many of you have done so already. If you have not yet done so please complete the online consent form marking whether you consent or decline consent at:

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/imms-consent-form/>

The online portal will **close on 9th October 2020** and no late forms can be accepted after this date.

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



Reading Books

Children in Classes 1-6 will be bringing home a reading book today. Please enjoy reading this with your child. If it is a short scheme book, please return it to school on



Tuesday so it can be changed. Chapter books can be brought back and forth until finished.

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

Is your child born between 1st September 2016 & 31st August 2017?

Applications for Year R September 2021
primary school places open on:

**Thursday 5th November 2020
and close on**

Friday 15th January 2021

To apply, please go to:

kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

**Application forms are also available from
local schools,**

by contacting KCC on 03000 412121

or by emailing

primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk

Families are welcome to make an appointment to view the school during Term 2. Appointments will last for 15 minutes, will be after the pupils have gone home and will be limited to one family at a time. Please spread the word to anyone you know.

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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