

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## End of Term 1

Term 1 finishes for the children on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October**. The last three days of this term are staff training days and children are not to attend school. Term 2 begins on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**.

## School Photographs



*Look out for your child's school photograph proof, which will be coming home on Tuesday. This year orders can only be made online - follow the instructions you will receive with the proof. If you need any help with this, please contact the school office.*



Parent/carers consultations will be happening by telephone during Term 2. Look out for a letter coming out to you by post next week with a time for you to speak to the class teacher. I hope the time given is convenient, if not please contact the school office for an alternative time.

Accompanying your child to the school gate in the morning, as requested, ensures all children are supported in maintaining safe social distancing. At the end of the day when you have collected your child please leave promptly. Please also ensure that social distance is maintained between families – at arrival and dismissal.

## Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

**Class 1 - Mallory** is Starfish's Learner of the Week this week. She comes to school every day with a smile on her face; she always listens and works really hard. She joins in class discussions with fantastic answers. Well done Mallory!

**Class 3 - Chase** has been extra smiley in class this week, which has been really lovely to see! He has been enthusiastic and eager to share his ideas. He has worked really hard in literacy, using lots of brilliant adjectives! His ability to keep trying has enabled Chase to produce some amazing work this week. Well done Chase!

**Class 4 - Ziah & Alex** are both Penguins class Learners of the Week.

**Ziah** has finished every piece of work to a brilliant standard and has been proud of what he has produced. He has been kind and helpful to other children, which has been lovely to see. He has made us all proud. Keep up the good work Ziah!

**Alex** has tried his best with every task this week. He has written a fantastic story in Literacy, which he has enjoyed transforming into a book. Alex has been kind to his friends on the playground, and has had a positive attitude to everything that has been asked of him. Well done Alex!

**Class 5 - Leon** is always kind and helps others with their learning. He had some excellent science questions this week and his answers were very insightful.

**Class 6 - Learner of the Week in Class 6 is Solomon!** He has been working exceptionally hard in every lesson, proving what a fantastic learner he is. It was great to hear him read part of his literary work aloud to the class and to see all of his working out for long division in maths. Well done Solomon!

## Fair Play Award

- 1<sup>st</sup> - LANG - 37 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - TEMPLE - 35 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - RAMSEY - 31 points

## Golden Manner Points

- 1<sup>st</sup> - CLASS 3 - 38 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - CLASS 6 - 36 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - CLASS 5 - 24 points



## Covid-safe Arrival and Dismissal

Thank you for your ongoing support with the measures we have in place for arrival and dismissal. As I hope you all know the overriding principle is to enable families, the children and the staff to maintain social distancing. The bubbles of children and staff are kept very well protected throughout the school day and we need this to continue at drop-off and collection.



## Thought for the Week



## Thank Your Vicar Week

This coming week is Thank Your Vicar week. In assembly on Wednesday, the school thanked Reverend Melissa Carter for supporting us in our Harvest Celebrations. Year 6 wrote letters and cards thanking her for the time she gave answering their questions on faith and science. We also thanked her for all the good work she does in our school and the town.

Blessings to all vicars in our area that support and pray for us.

We have also explored compassion and kindness, and how we can show this in our daily lives. We looked at the Feeding of the 5000 through film and art.



## Class 5 Family Assembly - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Class 5 have been reading a book called Middleworld, which is an adventure story set in the South American rain forest. They have been learning about the Mayans, and have made some amazing Mayan masks. Their assembly can be viewed on our Facebook page.



Follow this link to our brand new website!!

<http://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>

## 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](https://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](https://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](mailto: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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