

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 6th November 2020

Welcome to Term 2!

It has been good to have everyone settled back into school this week. Thank you for sending in extra clothing this week to keep the children warm and dry!



Collective Worship at St Mary's

In collective worship this week we have been exploring what it means to be vulnerable.

What does it feel like?

We explored nature and how many things are vulnerable in the natural world. A delicate spider's web, a new-born chick and growing seedlings. We found out that it is okay to feel vulnerable, and it is not a weakness.

With God's love and support we can have courage, be thankful and live life to the full.

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

If you would like any further information
about St Mary's, please contact us

01304 206887

Please spread the word to anyone you
know.

Mental Health and Anti-Bullying Week

Next week all classes will be undertaking work around the theme 'United Against Bullying'. There will be focus also on mental health and wellbeing with activities which will help children to explore different emotions and be able to recognise the benefit of sharing concerns to help themselves and others.

Thought for the Week

But those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31



National Lockdown 2

You will have seen the letter sent out from school yesterday with regards the new national lockdown. The new key information for you to ensure you are aware of is regards who drops off and collects your child - to remind you this must be adult(s) from your child's household or from just one other household which must remain consistent throughout the lockdown.

Children in Need

Friday 13th November 2020

Please see our letter
attached to this email with
details about Children in
Need 2020



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.

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 R - Turtles Learner of the Week is **Anfroi**. He has been a counting superstar in Number Time. He also wowed us with his firework drawing on the chalkboard outside, and enjoyed telling Mrs Cassingena what sounds they were making.

Class 1 - **Aiden** is Starfish's Learner of the Week this week as he has been an absolute star, and always tries really hard in everything we do. He has completed some fantastic maths using tricky symbols. He has listened to stories really well, the used them to help create his own sentences.

Class 3 - **Denis** has gone the extra mile this week with all of his learning bur we are particularly proud of him for his work in literacy. He has worked really hard to improve his handwriting and has also written a lovely letter. Well done Denis!

Class 4 - Penguins Learner of the Week is **Isebelle**. Isebelle always tried her best in every task, and loves to challenge herself with her learning. She is the first to volunteer to help others in class, and offers encouragement to everyone around her. Isebelle always has a smile on her face and loves to share stories about her two cheeky cats.

Class 5 - **Noah** has made good choices and done some excellent learning this week! He has made some super science drawings and been very eager to learn. Well done Noah!

Class 6 - **Samuel** is always ready to learn and tries his best at everything he does. It is wonderful to see his beaming smile every morning as he comes into school! We are all proud of you Samuel!



Fair Play Award

1st - **LANG** - 38 Points

2nd - **TEMPLE & FISHER** - 37 Points

3rd - **RAMSEY** - 35 Points

Golden Manner Points

1st - **TURTLES CLASS** - 67 Points

2nd - **PUFFINS CLASS & ORCAS CLASS** - 31 Points

Class 3 Assembly Friday 6th November

Puffins Class showed us their fantastic learning about Ancient Egypt in their assembly this week. Please have a look at the Class 3 page on our website to see their brilliant work!

Follow this link to our brand new website!!

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

Class 4 Assembly Friday 16th October

Penguins Class shared their brilliant science, literacy and artwork with us. They also told us some amazing facts about penguins! Have a look at the Class 4 page on our website to see their fantastic work.

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

As always, please don't hesitate to make contact via email or telephone with any queries, comments or concerns you may have.