

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 13th November 2020

Collective Worship at St Mary's

We have spent time this week thinking about memories and the importance of remembering those we have lost. The children found out about the significance of the different poppy colours. Red for remembrance and hope, purple for the animals who have lost their lives in war, black for African, Black and Caribbean communities that fought and lost their lives, and white for working towards peace in the future.



Lest We Forget

We were overwhelmed with the support from so many families in donating bottle bottoms last week – huge thanks to you all. Miss Loges and Miss Sayer used these with the children to produce red poppies, which have been attached to both school entrance fences – a superb art installation which tells the whole Dover community the importance which St Mary's School places on remembering those who gave their lives or were injured during conflict.

You can see pictures on the school Facebook page and an article in this week's edition of the Dover Mercury.



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.

Thought for the Week



Class 2 Assembly Friday 13th November

Class 2 shared their wonderful learning about art in assembly this week. Please visit their class page on our website to view their brilliant work

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/cirriculum/classes/class2>

Pudsey is in the building!

A fantastic array of spottiness, flashing ears, spotty socks and capes certainly brightened a damp morning today! Very many thanks to you all for your support and for sending in your £1 donations. Children are designing Pudseys today – look out for them on the school Facebook page later.



Anti-Bullying Week...

The theme of uniting to stop bullying has been addressed in Collective Worship and in class this week. Staff have been spending time talking and sharing experiences encouraging children not to use harmful words, and to use helpful words instead. The children in classes 3 – 6 completed an online survey about bullying; we will use the results when we receive them to continue further anti-bullying work.

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Bryan H comes into school every day with a smile on his face, excited and ready to learn! Bryan enjoys learning new words in Phonics, and has remembered them all so far! He also enjoyed making a salt dough diva lamp to celebrate Diwali, mixing the ingredients and shaping the dough with his fingers.

Class 1 - Amaya is Starfish's Learner of the Week as she has worked extremely hard and has been very focused. She has shown fantastic counting skills and is making a great effort with her handwriting and sentences. Well done Amaya! A great week. We are very proud of you!

Class 2 - Phoebe always tries her best. She has shown excellent focus and effort in particular this week and has been able to ignore distractions well. Her work is always of high quality and shows her understanding. Well done Phoebe!

Class 3 - We are really proud of the positive learning attitude that **Alex** has shown this week. Alex has used this to work hard in maths, and has produced some wonderful ideas in literacy. He has then used these ideas to produce a fantastic letter and a diary entry.

Class 4 - Lilah is Year 4 Learner of the Week. Lilah tries her best in everything she does; she takes pride in her work and always has a smile on her face. She is a polite and helpful member of the class who is a pleasure to teach. Keep up the good work Lilah!

Class 5 - Rihanna is Orca's Learner of the Week. She is always ready to learn, kind and eager to help others. Well done Rihanna!

Class 6 - Louick has impressed us with his perseverance in Maths, challenging himself with investigation work! He has also used personification to write a setting description of Count Olaf's house from our class reading book. Well done Louick!



Fair Play Award

1st - LANG - 38 point

2nd - TEMPLE & FISHER - 37 points

3rd - RAMSEY - 35 points

Golden Manner Points

1st - DOLPHINS CLASS - 44 points

2nd - PUFFINS CLASS - 33 points

3rd - STAFISH CLASS - 27 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.



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.

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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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. They should get a Covid test.

Children and staff must also stay at home and isolate if a member of their household has any of these symptoms until the outcome of a Covid test is known, and follow advice accordingly.

If your child tests positive for Covid you must immediately inform the school – by telephone on 01304 206887 during the school day. If you get a positive result at the weekend, during the evening or in a school holiday please email office@stmarysprimary.net

To get a test go online to:

nhs.uk/coronavirus

OR

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

OR

Telephone 111

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