

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020

## Collective Worship at St Mary's

This week we have been exploring the lives of people who helped: Florence Nightingale who helped sick and wounded soldiers; William and Catherine Booth who established The Salvation Army and Robert Raikes who set up Sunday Schools. They were ordinary people who did extraordinary things to help the community. We thought about things that we can do to help our community. You will see that much of the newsletter this week is themed around ways we can work together as a school community for the good of everyone.

### Park & Stride

We are very happy to announce that we are launching a new Park and Stride initiative. Mrs Trelfer has been working alongside Dover District Council and KCC allowing families that drive to school to park and walk safely to school without the risk of getting a parking ticket. Further details can be found on our letter that is also attached to this email. Please help us with this important matter



### Thought for the Week



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)

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

01304 206887

Please spread the word to anyone you  
know.

## Advent Windows - We need your help please!

I hope that you have seen Mrs Muller's letter, which came out earlier this week. We are looking for volunteers who wish to lend a window of their home in order to take part in our 'whole school advent calendar'. Please have a look at the letter which can be seen on our school website via this link:

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=325&type=pdf>

and contact the school office by the end of the day on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** to let us know if you are able to take part.



## Class 1 Assembly Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November

Class 1 shared with us their alphabet song and we looked at some fantastic pictures of their learning. At the end of assembly they treated us to a fine rendition of their pirate action song. You can view their assembly on our website

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/cirriculum/classes/class1/classassemblies>

## Children in Need

Huge thanks to you all; I am very pleased to say that St Mary's School community raised £143.58!



## Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

**Class R** – This week, **Laura** has been working hard to remember letter sounds in phonics. In maths she created two brilliant pieces of artwork using circles and triangles as part of our 2D shape learning, and in PSHE, she shared some thoughtful ideas about how to be a kind friend.

**Class 1** – **Nevaeh** 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. She has made good choices every day with a big smile on her face! She has really impressed us with her listening skills, concentration and attitude. Well done Nevaeh! We are very proud of you.

**Class 2** – **Patricia** has shown excellent listening this week, she has been putting lots of effort into her work and has achieved some fantastic writing as a result. Well done Patricia.

**Class 3** – **Amelia** has worked hard to write a wonderful diary entry using a pen! We are always very proud of how hard Amelia works during all her lessons, she is always ready to learn and tries her absolute best with any task that she is given. Well Done Amelia!

**Class 4** – **Vicky** is a kind and polite member of the class who always tries her best with everything. She has been a fantastic friend on the playground this week and has made both Miss Wrench and Miss Sayer smile. Thank you Vicky, keep up the great work!

**Class 5** – **Sienna** had some fantastic observations and ideas during Science this week. She is always eager to learn more. Well done Sienna!

**Class 6** – **Noah** has been tremendously helpful all week! He has shown real focus during lesson time, working hard to improve his literacy skills, as well as helping others with their learning during maths. He has also impressed Dean this week during PE, proving he has a natural talent for basketball! Keep up the good work Noah!

### Fair Play Award

1<sup>st</sup> – **TEMPLE** – 18 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – **LANG** – 15 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – **RAMSEY** – 13 points

4<sup>th</sup> – **FISHER** – 10 points

### Golden Manner Points

1<sup>st</sup> – **TURTLES** – 44 points

2<sup>nd</sup> – **PENGUINS** – 22 points

3<sup>rd</sup> – **SEAHORSES** – 20 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](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net)

**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**

**Follow this link to our brand new website!!**  
**<http://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>**