

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 27th November 2020

Collective Worship at St Mary's

This week we built our wreath ready for Advent, which begins on Sunday. Each of the candles has a special meaning: Hope; Peace; Love; Joy. We will mark each of these in Collective Worship during our countdown to Christmas and learn about what each of them means. We continue to hold our Collective Worship in class with Mrs Trelfer leading us all via video link using her microphone and headset! The children have activities to complete and they enjoy holding them up to the cameras in class to share with the rest of the school.



Park & Stride

Huge thanks to those of you who are now using our new park and stride arrangements. You will know from last week's letter that you can now park in Woolcomber Street car park and display our school permit, which entitles you to free parking between 8:30am – 9:30am and 2:30pm – 3:30pm, term time only. Please continue to make use of this and so help to keep our school community safe and our neighbours happy.

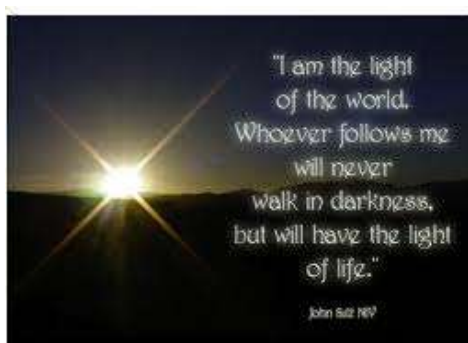
Well done to Jesus in Class 2, who won an Amazon Voucher as his super design was one of two chosen for the Park and Stride permits.

Class 6 Victorian Day!

The Victorian era in this country was from 1837 – 1901 and the children and staff in Class 6 were transported back to that time this week. Dressing up as Victorians, the children undertook lessons in handwriting and arithmetic in the morning, and in the afternoon the boys completed technical drawing while the girls did stitching. The children stood in respect when an adult entered the room. I understand some of the children (mentioning no names!) even experienced wearing the Dunce's hat! Thank you to the class staff and Mrs Trelfer for joining in the dressing up too and to families for supporting the children with their costumes.



Thought for the Week



"I am the light
of the world.
Whoever follows me
will never
walk in darkness,
but will have the light
of life."

John 8:12 NIV

Advent Windows

We have had a good response to our request to join in with our whole school advent window project; thank you! If you still wish to get involved it is not too late – let Mrs Morley in the school office know and she will slot you in.

Parent Survey

A letter was sent out earlier this week regarding the Parent Survey, which is now on our website. If you did not receive it, please contact the office - 01304 206887 or office@stmarysprimary.net

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Brian W is Turtles Learner of the Week. In maths, he had a go at writing numbers all the way to 20 and in Phonics time, he challenged himself to write different letter sounds. He even had a go at writing cat and cot. We all think he has been a writing superstar! Brian also sequenced pictures from our new story this week, Owl Babies. He then retold the story in his own words.

Class 1 – Sonia is Starfish's 'Learner of the Week' as she has worked extremely hard and has been very focussed on what she has been doing. She has shown fantastic subtracting skills and is making a great effort with her handwriting and sentences. She has listened brilliantly in Topic; she has remembered some great facts about Neil Armstrong. Well done Sonia! A great week! We are very proud of you!

Class 2 – Fernanda has made a great improvement in her effort and attitude this week and has really been trying her best in all her work. I am really pleased with the progress she has made and the resilience she has shown to keep trying and move forward with her learning.

Class 3 – Learner of the Week in Puffins is Maisey-Jai. When she has found things hard in class, Maisey-Jai has persevered and worked in a positive manner to complete the tasks that she has been given. Maisey-Jai has been challenging herself in maths and has been working on questions that are more complex. She has also written some beautiful descriptions of the Grotto from our class-reading book. Miss Roberts and Mrs. Russell are extremely proud of the positive week that she has had. Well Done Maisey!

Class 5 – Marek has been a marvellous mathematician this week and he has had some insightful ideas about water resistance in science.

Class 6 – I would like to say I am very proud of **all of Year 6** for immersing themselves into Victorian Day! They were all-super and made me feel proud to be their teacher.

Fair Play Award

1st – FISHER
2nd – LANG & RAMSEY
3rd – TEMPLE

Golden Manner Points

1st – CLASS 3
2nd – CLASS 2
3rd – CLASS 4



Class R Assembly - Friday 27th November

Turtles Class were very excited to share their love of Forest School with us today. Please follow the link below to view their class assembly:

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=367&type=pdf>

Follow this link to our 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. 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

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.

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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