

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 4th December 2020



Collective Worship at St Mary's

We have been learning about the Jesse Tree in our Collective Worship with Mrs Trelfer this week. The Jesse Tree is a way of preparing for Advent by journeying through the stories on Jesus's family tree. Each day of Advent we read a Bible story about someone on Jesus's family tree and hang an ornament or picture symbolizing the story on our Jesse Tree which is in Mrs Trelfer's office – we can see it via videolink! As the tree is decorated we can see how God prepared for Jesus to be born through many generations.



This Jesse Tree is in the cathedral in Krakow, Poland.

Who can drop off and collect at arrival and dismissal?

I checked with Kent County Council what the position is regarding who should bring and collect children to and from school now that we have moved out of the National Lockdown and into Tier 3. I have been advised that families should continue to use adults from the child's household or one other childcare bubble household to bring and collect children to and from school. Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Bubble Closures

You will be aware that our Year 3 bubble was closed earlier this week due to a positive case of Covid-19 in a pupil.

Early evening yesterday we received notification of a positive result also in a child in Year 2 – we have therefore had to close that bubble as well.

The staff and children from both bubbles are required to isolate at home for a period of time following last contact with the affected child.

In both cases these bubbles will re-open on Monday 14th December. The children are undertaking school work set by their class teachers and are emailing every day with what they have completed.

Please be assured that these cases are not linked. For both children the infection was picked up within their household. Measures we have in place at school have kept to a minimum the number of children and staff who have to self-isolate.

We wish the children who are unwell a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing all of these children and families back at school as soon as is possible.

Advent Windows

It has been a joy to see the windows which have already gone on display.

Look out on the school Facebook page for photographs and information about where these are. Huge thanks to everyone involved.



<https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-C-of-E-Primary-School-820857021275490/>

Thought for the Week



There shall come forth
a shoot from the
stump of Jesse
and a branch
from his roots
shall bear fruit.
Isaiah 11:1



Parent Survey

A letter was sent out last 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 1 - Harley is Starfish's 'Learner of the Week' this week as he has been an absolute star. He always works hard but this week he has shown us how he wants to improve his learning - listening to feedback and putting it into action. He always impresses us with his reading and writing, and this week, he has amazed us with his knowledge of 3D shapes too! He has also shared some extremely kind thoughts and filled up our kindness buckets. Well done Harley! We are very proud of you.

Class 3 - Puffins Class that have been taking the time to share their learning with me whilst we are all at home. It has made me very happy to see photos of the children completing their home learning tasks and seeing them working so well. Mrs. Russell and I are missing them all very much so seeing what they have been getting up to has been so lovely.

Class 4 - Penguins Learner of the Week is **Scarlett**. Scarlett is a kind and considerate member of the class who is always giggling - she always manages to make us smile! Scarlett tries her best in everything she does and is always willing to help and encourage others. Keep up the great work Scarlett!

Class 5 - Kai Sk is Orca's Learner of the Week. Kai's learning has been amazing this week. He is always ready to learn and is extremely helpful in class.

Class 6 - Learner of the week in Seahorses is **Harry**! He has worked exceptionally hard in all his learning and has produced some truly wonderful work, which he should be proud of! He always has a smile on his face and applies 100% to every task and challenge he completes. Keep up the great work Harry! We are all proud of you.

Fair Play Award

1st - **RAMSEY & TEMPLE**

2nd - **LANG & FISHER**

Golden Manner Points

1st - **CLASS 1**

2nd - **CLASS 2**

3rd - **CLASS 4**



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

You will have seen Mrs Trelfer's letter with information about how we are celebrating Christmas at school this year. The hall is looking beautiful with the decorated hoops, which the children and staff have made, and the tree is lifting our spirits.



Follow this link to our new website!! <https://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](https://www.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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