

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 11th December 2020



Thought for the Week

Lord Jesus, Light of Light,
you have come among us.
Help us who live by your
light to shine as lights in
your world. Glory to God in
the highest. Amen

Advent Windows

Very many thanks to the families and staff members who have supported us with our school Advent Windows project. I hope you have been able to see the pictures on the school Facebook page. The displays are beautiful and it is so good to have the support of the families.

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



Dover Smart Project

The Dover Smart project thanks us for all the money raised when we spent the day making people smile with jokes and wearing things upside down, inside out or even wearing bushy eyebrows.



Christmas Week at St Mary's

A reminder for you all of what we are planning for the final week of term.

Monday 14th December - Christmas crafts in all classes and in-school cinema experience for Classes R, 1 and 2.

Tuesday 15th December – **Christmas Jumper Day** for all children and staff. **Christmas Dinner** for those who have ordered it and in-school cinema experience for Classes 3 and 4. This is also the **last day** for bringing in any cards or gifts.

Wednesday 16th December - **Infant Nativity film** to be shown to all classes and available to families on the school website by the end of the day. In-school cinema experience for Class 5.

Thursday 17th December - **Junior Carols film** to be shown to all classes and available to families on the school website by the end of the day. In-school cinema experience for Class 6. Class discos!

Friday 18th December - **Christingle Services** in each class. Last day of term.



Collective Worship at St Mary's

This week we have explored some more stories that herald the arrival of Jesus. We heard about Ruth's kindness and commitment. We learnt about how David was chosen to be King. Reverend Carter shared with us the prophecies of Isaiah and finally we saw how John the Baptist baptized Jesus.

Home Reading

We really appreciate the support you give to your children with their reading. We will be collecting in all reading books next week to take stock. Please do make use of the links below to find suitable reading activities for your children during the holidays:

Suitable for all year groups:

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

<https://www.leedsforlearning.co.uk/Page/15600>

<https://www.funbrain.com/books>

<https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/>

Suitable for Years 3-6:

<https://cornerstoneseducation.co.uk/news/free-access-to-cornerstones-love-to-read-resources-for-home-learning/>

<https://openlibrary.org/>



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Yasmina is Turtles Learner of the Week. She always tries her best and comes into school every day with a smile on her face. This week she has been working hard to improve her handwriting. She also enjoyed writing Christmas cards to Santa and Buddy the elf and then posted them in our class post box.

Class 1 - Eliza is Starfish's Learner of the Week this week as she has really tried to challenge herself with her learning. She has been focused this week and has made sure she has attempted every challenge. She has made good choices every day and often smiley! She has really impressed us with her maths skills and efforts. Well done Eliza! We are very proud of you.

Class 2 - Rimas has settled really well and has quickly made friends in the class, playing well with the other children at playtime and lunchtime. She always listens well in lessons and tries her best in her learning; she is particularly enjoying her reading and is progressing really well with the books she chooses to read. Well done Rimas!

Class 3 - Alex, for his continued hard work and perseverance when working at home. Despite learning from home, I can see from the photos of his learning that we are receiving that he is still working hard and putting lots of effort into his work. In particular he has worked hard on his 8 times table, and has shown some excellent progress with both multiplication and division facts of the 8 times table. Well Done Alex!

Class 4 - Brandon has been a superstar this week! He has tried his best with every task and has produced work to be proud of. He has a newfound talent in PE ... Brandon is AMAZING at basketball! Maybe the next Michael Jordan? Who knows! Keep up the great work Brandon!

Class 5 - Mazen is our learner of the week. He has settled in beautifully and is actively engaged in all our lessons. He has made good progress in his maths. Well done Mazen!

Class 6 - Lily is Learner of the week! She has been a superstar this week, as she is every week! She comes into school smiling and does not stop all day! She has been working extremely hard in Maths - completing around three pages every day! Her story writing in Literacy has been brilliant and her attitude towards her learning cannot be faulted. We are all very proud of you Lily!



Fair Play Award

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



Golden Manner Points

- 1st - TURTLES
- 2nd - PENGUINS
- 3rd - DOLPHINS

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

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
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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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