

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School

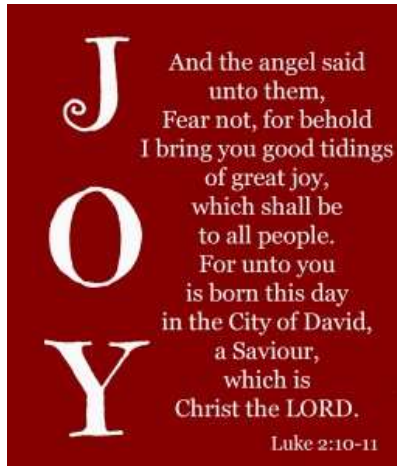


Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 18th December 2020



Thought for the Week



Christmas Contact Tracing

Please look at the letter sent out yesterday (link below) for what to do if your child develops COVID symptoms or gets a positive test this weekend.

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=415&type=pdf>

Remember to look out for the three main symptoms listed below during the holiday, arrange a COVID test if your child has symptoms and **do not** send them back to school in January if they need to be isolating.

A high temperature

A new, continuous cough

A loss or change to your sense of taste or smell



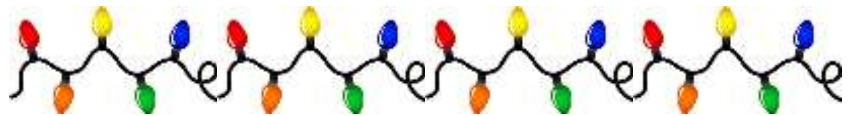
End of term round-up

I would like to start this week's newsletter by extending heartfelt thanks to everyone in our marvellous St Mary's Primary School community.

This year has given us challenges like no other and, without doubt, every group within our school has done all that has been asked of them with good grace and great effort. From the school governors to the children and their families, the class staff, the office staff, the kitchen staff and the site staff as well as the senior leaders and Family Liaison Officer, EVERYONE has pulled together to make the best of a very difficult time. I am so very proud of what we have achieved together.

As the term has drawn to a close, like all schools, our numbers of children attending has dwindled. I understand the reasons behind the decision which each family has made – whether to send their child to school or not. I am pleased that we have been able to have a flexible approach and have provided learning opportunities to be completed at home or at school.

I wish all of our families – those of the children and the staff – a happy and safe Christmas holiday. I look forward to 2021 and know that, together, we will be able to successfully manage and deal with whatever trials come our way!



Collective Worship at St Mary's

We started this week by thinking about the importance of the angels in the Christmas story. We heard about how they visited Mary, Joseph and the shepherds to give the good news and reassure everyone that all was going to be okay.

We also enjoyed watching the films of each of the Key Stage Christmas events – the Infant Nativity and the Junior Carol Concert. We were really pleased to welcome Governors Mrs Fisher, Mrs Simmons and Mrs Sheffield as well as Reverend Melissa to join us via video call for these special assemblies. You can view our 'virtual Christmas' videos on the school website via this link:

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Collective+Worship&pid=46>

We finished our worship this week with a special Christingle Service led by Mrs Trelfer. We explored the origins of the Christingle and what it means. Every class contributed to the Christingle orange learning about its meanings. Reverend Melissa led our Christingle Prayers.



Term 3 begins on

Monday 4th January 2021



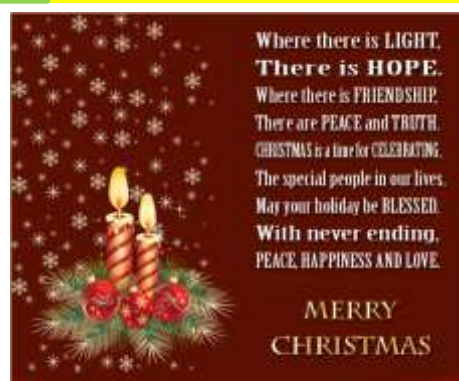
PARK & STRIDE

Dolphins had an online Team meeting today with Cllr Nigel Collier, Rubena Hafizi, Sue Young and Mrs Trelfer.

This was to present the Parking Permit winners with their vouchers. Cllr Collier spoke about road safety and how important it is that we try to reduce parking by schools to make it safe for children to come to school.

He congratulated everyone and said it had been a difficult choice to pick the winners as all the designs were very good.

Remember in the New Year to use your permit in the morning and afternoon to park in Woolcomber Street Car Park.



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 high temperature
- a loss or change to your sense of 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

Prayer

*Shout for joy
the whole earth,
and everything within.
Rejoice!
For Light has come into the world*

*The mountains sing,
the seas resound
to the praise of your name.
Salvation
once promised is here on earth*

*The angels' song
rings in the air,
a child has been born.
Hallelujah!
The Saviour of the world is here*

Fair Play Award

1st – TEMPLE
2nd – FISHER, LANG & RAMSEY

Golden Manner Points

1st – PENGUINS
2nd – DOLPHINS
3rd – PUFFINS

**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**

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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