

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 12th March 2021

A Message from Ms Comfort

Settling In

It has been a fantastic full week back at school for all children and families. It is such a pleasure and privilege to see and hear all of the children as they settle back into school life. I know the class staff have been so impressed with how the children have tackled their learning and re-established their friendship groups.

Morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up is working extremely well – very many thanks to all of the family grown-ups who are helping this to happen.

I will be asking one teacher per week to share the learning from their class in the newsletter. This week is the turn of Class 4. I hope you enjoy having this insight into one of our classes.

Have a good weekend everyone and I look forward to seeing you next week.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's

Collective Worship this week has been following the theme of Lent and exploring what it means to cooperate. This has been a great theme to explore with us all returning to school and settling in again. The children have been thinking about what good advice they can give others to help them, and how things do run smoothly if you work as a team. We listened to the story of how a group of friends cooperated to take their paralysed friend to Jesus.



Thought for the Week

**So do not fear,
for I am with you;
do not be dismayed,
for I am your God.
I will *strengthen* you
and *help* you;
I will *uphold* you with
my righteous right hand.**

-Isaiah 41:10



Red Nose Day 2021

Friday 19th March is Red Nose Day and we are inviting the children to wear something red to school with their uniform!

This could be a red t-shirt, headband, tights or even socks! (No face paint please). A donation of £1.00 towards the Red Nose Day charity would be greatly appreciated, and can be placed into the collection bucket at the top or bottom gate in the morning.



Spotlight On..... Class 4

The Penguins have loved being back at school this week. They have enjoyed seeing their friends, playing on the playground together and getting back into some great learning.

The Penguins class have also had two new members start with us this term! We have two beautiful goldfish, which the children have named Simba and Nala. They love swimming to the front of their tank and wiggling around to say hello to the children every morning!

In class this week, we have enjoyed starting our new topics; Electricity and Anglo-Saxons. We are looking forward to getting hands on using the circuits in Science, and using our DT skills to create Anglo-Saxon shields in History.



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Jayden is Learner of the Week in Turtles Class. He has wowed us in maths, naming and describing different 2D shapes. In phonics, he challenged himself to read different words and write his own name (something Jayden finds really tricky!)

Class 1 - Vojtech is Starfish's 'Learner of the Week' this week as he has been an absolute star. He has returned to school with a lovely attitude and is keen to work. He tries his best at everything and works hard to be a 'superstar' every day. He has amazed us even more with his wonderful creations that he has made in class (vehicles). He worked as a team and was really proud of himself. He has also helped one of our new members of class. Well done Vojtech! We are very proud of you.

Class 2 - Leo is Dolphins Learner of the Week. He has been really focused in class, and has been very keen to contribute to class discussions. Leo regularly volunteers answers and his thoughts, showing a great growth mindset. Great job Leo.

Class 3 - Camden is Puffin's Learner of the Week. He has been working really hard this week in all areas of his learning. We are particularly proud of his perseverance with his reading, and getting a fantastic score on his quiz. He has also been working hard in literacy and has written some fantastic expanded noun phrases in his writing! Well Done Camden!

Class 4 - Penguins Learner of the Week is **Chloe**. Chloe has settled back into school brilliantly. She has tried her best with every task that has been set, and has produced work that she can be proud of. She is always kind and polite and makes others smile. Chloe has clearly been working hard during Lockdown as her maths skills are brilliant! Keep up the good work Chloe!

Class 5 - Orca's Learner of the Week is **Ethan**. Ethan has settled in beautifully and has been amazing with his maths and literacy skills. He has had some brilliant ideas during our space lesson in science, and is eager to learn.

Class 6 - All of class 6 have been fantastic this week! They have come back to school with a brilliant attitude and I am very proud of them all! Seahorses Learner of the Week this week is **Ahmet**. He has settled back into school as though he has never been away! He ALWAYS has a smile on his face and is a valued member of our class. We are all proud of you Ahmet! Keep up the great work!



Fair Play Award

1st - TEMPLE

2nd - LANG

3rd - RAMSEY

Golden Manner Points

1st - Seahorses

2nd - Turtles & Starfish

3rd - Dolphins & Puffins

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OF YOU!

Free School Meals – Did you know...?

Your child might be able to have free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

For more information, go to:

kent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

or telephone our Family Liaison Officer on

01304 206887



Travel to Tokyo Challenge!

St. Mary's Primary School have signed up to the Travel to Tokyo Challenge!

Travel to Tokyo is a programme designed for children and families to do some sort of regular physical activity at home, involving others and generating a sense of team spirit.

The challenge takes its inspiration from the forthcoming Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. The initiative encourages children to explore different cultures from around the world and to think about all the preparation that athletes need to make as they begin their journey towards Tokyo.

We are logging activity completed at school and we are asking parents to log their children's activities, done at home, on the following website:

<https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/find-your-team>

Please do the following:

- 1.) Type in the school's postcode: CT16 1QX
- 2.) Select 'St Mary's' and 'School Team'
- 3.) Then log the activity

The website has lots of ideas for challenges at home. To see more visit:

Get Set Tokyo | Travel to Tokyo Home

Learning - <https://www.getset.co.uk/resources/travel-to-tokyo/indoor-activity>

If you need any help, feel free to contact your teacher.

Dean Gonsalves - Sports Coach

East Cliff Creatives – Easter Project 2021

#Collaboreggs2021

Eggs-traordinary times call for eggs-traordinary creativity. Want something fun to do? Something to keep the kids busy and entertained? Anyone can join in, young or old. You can take part wherever you are in the world.

Show us your eggs!

Step #1 – Paint, draw, build, photograph, craft, create or decorate an egg at home for Easter. Take a picture of it.

Step #2 – Post the picture of your wonderful creation on Instagram using the hashtag **#collaboreggs2021** and **#eastcliffcreatives** and tell us which town you are from.

Step #3 – Share your posts and those of other people's eggs-traordinary creations. Let's spread some joy, fun and creativity.

For more information, please visit:

<http://eastcliffcreatives.com/collaboreggs-2021/>



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



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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