

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 19th March 2021

A Message from Ms Comfort

Pleased to be here!

Children's smiles and happy skips into school continue to be the dominant feature in the morning on their arrival to school; this is very good to see!

Red Nose Day 2021

Thank you for your generous contributions to our Red Nose buckets this morning!



It was lovely to see everyone in red during assembly today. This ranged from hair bands, t-shirts, shoes, tights, socks, dresses and shorts. Walking round the school children were designing red noses, colouring funny pictures and completing word searches. Staff are taking photos, which Mrs Trelfer will put on Facebook early next week to show everyone what we got up to.

We will update you with the final total raised next week.

Easter Decorations at the Parish Centre

At Christmas we helped decorate the Parish Centre. I know those children who visited were very proud of our contributions, and we are very happy to help out Mrs Simmons again for Easter.

The children have made some beautiful paintings, Easter collages and prayers that will be displayed in the St Mary's Parish Centre for Holy Week and Easter. Please take the time to have a look.



P.E.

A polite reminder that we aim to hold all P.E. lessons outside. Please ensure that your child has P.E. kit that will keep them warm throughout the entire day, including during their outside games lessons. Hopefully it won't be too long before sunscreen and sun hats will be needed!

Happy weekend one and all.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher



Spotlight On.... Class R



We have been so happy to have all of the children back in Turtles Class. They have loved seeing their friends again, playing together and talking lots about the activities they enjoyed at home.

In our learning, we have spent lots of time sharing our feelings about being back at school and enjoyed lots of circle time together on the carpet. In maths we have been exploring different numbers to 10 and practising our counting skills. In Literacy, we started a new book called 'The Three Little Pigs'. The children have thoroughly enjoyed retelling this story with their friends and building their own houses using different types of construction. We have also been decorating and creating some Easter artwork for the Parish to display.



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Melinda is Turtles Learner of the Week. She comes into school every day with a smile on her face, a really positive attitude, and is ready to learn. In Maths, she has been exploring different ways to make five using the double-sided counters. In Phonics, she has wowed us with her super reading and in Topic; she has enjoyed building new houses for the three little pigs using the large construction outside.

Class 1 - Henley is Starfish's Learner of the Week, and we are so proud of what he has achieved. His attitude to learning has improved greatly and is keen to work and succeed. He has amazed us with his reading, writing and phonics this week. He also been playing and working really nicely with different children. Well done Henley! You are a superstar! We are very proud of you.

Class 2 - Jesus is Dolphins Learner of the Week. He has shown fantastic effort in all his learning since returning to school. He is consistently listening and actively engaged in lessons, and is keen to participate and share his ideas. He has demonstrated some excellent knowledge and is using higher level vocabulary. Well done Jesus!

Class 3 - Our Learner of the Week this week is Keatyn. We are really proud of Keatyn this week for her ideas in literacy, she has been creative and imaginative in her writing. She has written some fantastic descriptive sentences about the appearance of Iron Man, and written a recount about the Iron Man falling onto the beach. Well Done Keatyn!

Class 5 - Our Learner of the Week in Orca Class is Clare. Clare is always ready to learn and gives her best in all she does. She is a kind-hearted young lady, and is the skipping champion on the playground. Well done, Clare!



Fair Play Award

1st - Lang & Temple

2nd - Ramsey

3rd - Fisher

Golden Manner Points

1st - Penguins - 76 points

2nd - Puffins - 32 points

3rd - Dolphins - 31 points



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



Collective Worship at St Mary's

In Collective Worship this week we explored different feelings, illustrated with 3 stories from the bible.

Amazement, as illustrated by the Centurions' faith (Luke 7 V1-10), Compassion seen when Jesus fed the 5000 (Luke 9 V10-17), and Anger when Jesus arrived in the Temple and saw that it was not being used for prayer, but as a market (John 2 V13-22).

Thought for the Week

Be happy with those
who are happy.
Be sad with those
who are sad.
Romans 12:15



Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change
Courage to change the things I can
And wisdom to know the difference



Rapid Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing

Household members of primary age children are eligible to access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Tests are fast, easy and free. You can order home test kits online. [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#) or you can collect from a home test kit collection point. [Find your nearest home test kit collection point](#). Please note that these tests are for **adults within the family, not the children**.

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:

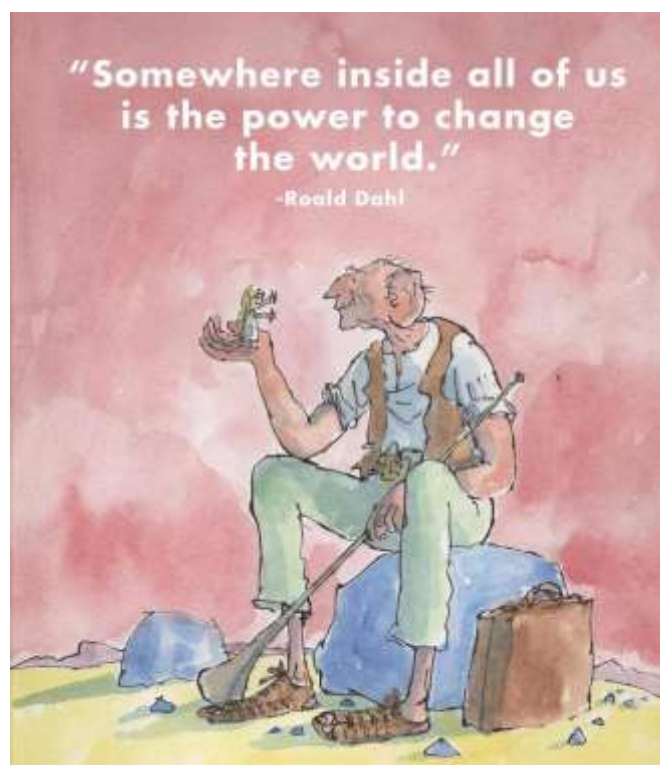
nhs.uk/coronavirus

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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