

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 26th March 2021

A Message from Ms Comfort

The last full week of this term draws to a close and it has been good to have some sunny days and to see the signs of spring around the school site.

The School Governors met this week. Reverend Melissa Carter thanked the school for the wonderful Easter-themed artwork which is now on display in the windows of the Church Hall. Do take a moment to have a look when you are passing by. Governors also talked about the home learning, which children and families had completed during the recent lockdown. They were pleased to hear about how the staff had supported children and parent/carers during this time and were impressed with how the children are settling back into school life.

End of Term 4

This term finishes for the children on **Wednesday 31st March**, with a staff training day on Thursday 1st April. All children return to school on Monday 19th April for the beginning of Term 5.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher



Spotlight On..... Class 6

This week, Year Six have been busy with their World War One learning. They have read 'Archie's War' and created their very own scrapbooks from the perspective of a young child. They included lots of imaginative design features including: lifting flaps, folding letters and pulley tabs to reveal secret images or information.

Year 6 have also explored war poetry this week in Literacy. They have performed a range of classic war poetry using powerful voices and actions, as well as writing their own war poems which were **FANTASTIC!**

We have also been preparing for our Easter service and have created some wonderful poems, prayers and artwork linked to our class song 'Risen'.



EASTER PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Thank you for giving us signs and symbols to help us remember who you are and what you have done for us. As we travel through the Easter journey together, give us a fresh understanding of your teaching and your love for us

AMEN



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Learner of the Week in Turtles Class is **Zante**. This week Zante enjoyed making his own Easter Garden in R.E. He found different things he would need e.g. some grass, a cross, a tomb for Jesus and some flowers. He then enjoyed re-telling the Easter story using his Easter garden and the Play Mobil people. Zante also wowed us in Maths this week, ordering numbers all the way to 10!

Class 1 - **Gracie** is Starfish's Learner of the Week this week as she has been a 'Superstar'. She always listens to know what is expected of her and tries her best with every task set. She has made good choices every day with a big smile on her face! She has really impressed us with her listening skills, concentration and attitude - it cannot be faulted. Well done Gracie! We are very proud of you.

Class 2 - Learner of the Week in Dolphins Class is **Fernanda**. I was really impressed with Fernanda's effort this week, she has been listening well and contributing to lessons more frequently. I am particularly impressed with her letter writing, she has made an excellent effort and has shown some big improvements. Well done Fernanda!

Class 3 - **Joel** is Puffins Class Learner of the Week as he has been amazing! He has completed his learning independently and worked hard in both maths and literacy. Joel is now an expert at telling the difference between unit and non-unit fractions! In literacy Joel has been a superstar! Joel has been able to retell the opening chapters in Iron Man and has included lots of fantastic adjectives and adverbs in his writing. Well done Joel!

Class 5 - Our Learner of the Week in Orca Class is **Amelia**. Amelia has done fantastic writing this week and her maths is amazing. Amelia always gives her best in all she does and is willing to help others. Well done Amelia!

Class 6 - **Raiya** is Seahorses Learner of the Week for her great attitude towards her learning. She has persevered in Maths and conquered calculating the areas of triangles and parallelograms! She has also 'turned into a poet and did in fact know it' because her WW1 poem was very well written and rhymed beautifully! Well done Raiya, keep up the good work!

Fair Play Award

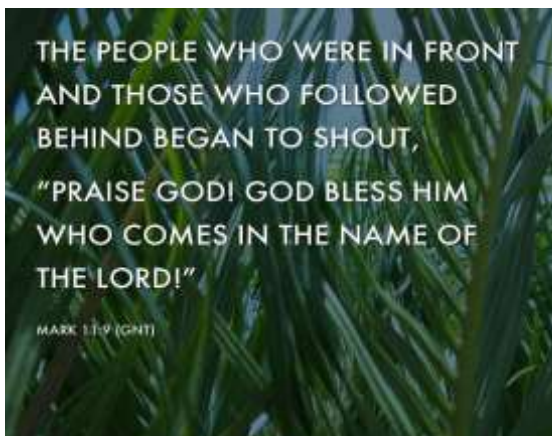
- 1st - **Fisher** - 30 points
- 2nd - **Ramsey** - 23 points
- 3rd - **Lang** - 19 points
- 4th - **Temple** - 14 points

Golden Manner Points

- 1st - **Seahorses** - 82 points
- 2nd - **Penguins** - 62 points
- 3rd - **Orca** - 52 points



Thought for the Week



Collective Worship at St Mary's

Holy Week has arrived at St Mary's. Each day we have explored the stories leading up to Easter - Palm Sunday, The last Supper, The Garden of Gethsemane and The Lie. We used beautiful paintings by the artist Nebiyu Assefa to think about the actions of people during those events. On Tuesday we spent some time thinking about the year that has passed and how we have all coped during that time. We said prayers for everyone who has lost loved ones, or have worked so hard to keep us safe.

The children will be celebrating Easter on Tuesday at school. The service will be added to the website and Facebook page later that day for you to look at.



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



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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