

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 30th April 2021

A Message from Ms Comfort

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

Look out for your letter which will be coming to you in the post with your appointment time for a telephone consultation meeting with your child's teacher. Do please contact the school office if the time given is not good for you and needs to be changed.

Bishop Rose

We welcomed the Bishop of Dover, Rose Hudson-Wilkin, to our virtual (via Zoom) Collective Worship on Tuesday. As well as all of the children and staff, we were joined by Niki Paterson from the Diocese of Canterbury, Rev Melissa Carter and Liz Fisher, our Chair of Governors.

Class 6 led our worship, focusing on the themes of our school Christian vision and values. The other classes left the session at the end of Collective Worship and our visitors stayed online with Class 6, who interviewed Bishop Rose about her life and views.

The children asked some incredibly insightful questions which Bishop Rose answered openly and honestly. The questions included – what other career would you have chosen, what was your childhood like, have you always been a Christian, what are your plans for Dover as our Bishop, have you experienced racism? I was immensely proud of the children who showed what wonderful manners they have and how thoughtful they all are. It was an honour to have Bishop Rose give her time to us; having previously met The Queen, Barack Obama and Nelson Mandela she can now add Class 6 at St Mary's to her list of VIPs!

Alzheimer Society Fundraiser

Further to the amount raised, which was published in last week's newsletter, I can now announce that the final total has increased. Monies continued to come in during the week, and Bishop Rose pledged a large donation when she heard about our fundraising – this has taken the total to an incredible **£500!** Huge thanks and well done to everyone.

Have a lovely loooong weekend everyone!

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Spotlight on..... Orca Class



Orca class have had a very busy week. We have been learning about Sir David Attenborough and the children researched an endangered animal and reported back on their findings.

We have begun to grow our own sunflowers in celebration of the warmer weather and have practised our sketching whilst learning about the Tudors.

We have been reading 'Street Child' and have felt privileged, learning about the lives of children in Victorian times.



Thought for the Week

If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move.

NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU."

Matthew 17:20



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Delilah is Learner of the Week in Turtles Class. She comes into school with a big smile on her face and ready to learn! This week she impressed Mrs Cassingena in phonics, recognizing different letter sounds and practicing her letter formation. She also loved painting a bee and a butterfly as part of our growing topic and then enjoyed telling her friends about her artwork in review time. Well done Delilah!

Class 1 - Yasmin is Starfish's 'Learner of the Week' this week as she has worked like a trooper. She has made so much progress since she started with us in September; we are extremely proud of what she has achieved. She tries her best at everything and works hard to challenge her own learning. Yasmin has amazed us even more with her wonderful writing and fantastic number understanding. Well done Yasmin! We are very proud of you.

Class 2 - Ramadan is Dolphins Learner of the Week. He has settled in really well and is making friends. He has really started to talk in lessons, and writing in class. He is really trying hard with all his work. Well Done Ramadan.

Class 3 - Adriel is Puffins Learner of the Week. He is always polite to adults and has made fantastic learning choices this week. In literacy, Adriel has worked hard on his handwriting and presentation of his work. He has used speech marks this week in his writing to create his own conversation between King Midas and the Satyr. In history, Mrs Russell was amazed with Adriel's knowledge about the Ancient Greeks; he used some fantastic language to discuss Alexander the Great's impact on the Greek empire.

Class 4 - Penguins Learner of the Week is **Roman**. He has tried his best with every task this week. He has really enjoyed the beginning of our Geography topic and was a star in this week's PE lesson. Roman is always cheerful and is a lovely friend to his peers. Well done Roman!

This week **Sami** is our second Learner of the Week. He has produced work that he can be proud of. He has taken on challenge questions in maths and has contributed many great ideas in class discussions. Sami is a great role model to others in the class and is a pleasure to teach. Well done Sami!

Class 5 - Our learner of the week is Izzy. Izzy is always a kind and gentle soul who helps others and gives her best in all she does. This week, her English and maths skills have been excellent and she drew a beautiful sunflower. Well done, Izzy.

Class 6 - Learner of the Week in Seahorses is Isabelle! Isabelle has WOWED us with her maths work this week. She has been working really hard and has maintained great focus - even when the learning is challenging! She has written a fantastic diary entry in character of someone aboard the Titanic in Literacy too. Isabelle brightens all of our days here at school. Keep up your hard work Isabelle - we are all very proud of you!

Golden Manner Points

- 1st - Class 1 - 69 points
- 2nd - Class 5 - 64 points
- 3rd - Class 6 - 62 points
- 4th - Class 3 - 56 points

Fair Play Award

- 1st - LANG
- 2nd - RAMSEY
- 3rd - TEMPLE
- 4th - FISHER



Go with the FLO....

Dear Parents and Carers...

Second week of the term is complete and now for (hopefully) a sunny, long weekend.

I hope you all are able to find time this weekend to do something nice for yourself and family.

If at any time you do feel you need someone to talk to or to 'release the pressure', there is a 24 hours a day support line that can be accessed:

www.releasepressure.uk

Call: 0800 107 0160

Text: 85258

I hope your cup is filled this weekend with lots of happy memories!

I look forward to seeing you all at the school gates Tuesday morning.

You can't pour
from an empty cup.



Miss Claire Yarnley

Collective Worship at St Mary's

This week we have been learning all about The Order of the Mustard Seed and the work they do around the world.

They live by 3 simple rules:

To be true to Christ

To be kind to people

To take the gospel to the nations.

We also learnt about the Salvation Army and their work in Burkino Faso.

William Booth, the founder spoke wise words when he said "You cannot warm the heart of people with God's love if they have an empty stomach and cold feet"

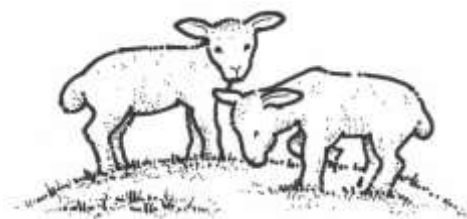
As always, please don't hesitate to make contact via email or telephone with any queries, comments or concerns you may have.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher
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**St Mary's
Little Lambs
Parent & Carer Toddler Group**

**Friday Mornings
9:30am – 12:00pm**



**St Marys Parish Centre
Term Time Only**

**Enjoy a bit of time with other parents
and carers while your little lamb has a
play**

Starts September 2021

For more information contact

Parish Centre Manager: Trish Simmons

Office: 01304 213899

Mobile: 07392 806486

Email: parishcentremanager@outlook.com

**KENT ADULT EDUCATION FREE COURSES
Family Learning Courses starting in May & June
ENROL NOW!**

Yoga to Support you and your Family
Tuesday 4th, 11th & 18th May 2021 – 10:00am – 11:30am

Exploring Behaviour Strategies Workshop
Thursday 6th May 2021 – 9:30am – 11:30am

First Aid for Families
Monday 10th, 17th & 24th May – 9:30am – 11:30am

The English Education System
Thursday 13th May 2021 – 9:30am – 11:30am

Mexican Weaving
Thursday 13th May 2021 – 16:30pm – 18:30pm

Exploring Behaviour Strategies Workshop
Monday 17th May 2021 – 9:30am – 11:30am

Elmer the Elephant Day
Saturday 22nd May 2021 – 10:00am – 12:00pm

Fun with Yoga – Animal Poses 2
Wednesday 26th May 2021 – 16:15pm – 17:30pm

Keeping up with Children – English
Wednesday 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th June 2021 – 9:30am – 11:30am

FREE Online Live Courses
Jewellery Course - Repurposing Buried Treasure
Thursday 7th May 2021 – 9:30am – 12:00pm
Monday 14th June – 9:30am – 12:00pm

TO BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE GO TO
www.kentadulteducation.co.uk
and click on Course Areas the Family Courses

These courses are specifically for adults only who have not taken part in a course with Kent Adult Education since 1st August 2020

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

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

Follow this link to our website

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>