

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 7th May 2021

A Message from Ms Comfort

Corridor Displays

The children and staff have worked hard to produce work for our new corridor displays, which have been put up this week. The theme is Getting Outside, and classes have produced work about growing and activities that they enjoy outside.

I know you are not able to come into school to see these at the moment; I am sure that Mrs Trelfer will organise some photographs of them to go on the school website and Facebook page; we will let you know when they are there!

Arrival

Please do all that you can to continue to arrive at school on time – between 08:40am and 08:55am – so as to avoid interrupting the staff in class, who have to come to meet your child at the gate, from the teaching that will have started.

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

I hope you have found/will find your scheduled appointment with your child's class teacher useful. I know how much the teachers appreciate the opportunity to talk with you about how the children are getting on at school.

Water Bottles

Thank you for continuing to send your child to school with a water bottle every day - these are important as the shared water fountains are out of use at the moment.

Please note that these bottles must only contain plain water, nothing else is permitted. You may send in an additional flavoured drink for your child to have with their lunch - this is the case for children who have packed lunches or school dinners.

If you are concerned about this in relation to your child please contact the class teacher to discuss. Class staff will keep an eye on water bottles and will make contact with any families who need an additional reminder.

Happy weekend one and all.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R – Sara is Turtles Learner of the Week. She comes into school every day with a smile on her face ready to learn and has shown a positive attitude this week in all areas of her learning. In maths, she has enjoyed printing with different 3D shapes, and in phonics she impressed us with her fantastic reading and handwriting. Keep up the great work Sara!

Class 1 – Jessica is Starfish's 'Learner of the Week' this week as she has settled into class tremendously. She has made some lovely friends during her first week and she has shown us what a 'superstar' she can be – always listening and trying her best. She has even amazed us with the wonderful learning that she has completed this week. Well done Jessica! We are very proud of you.

Class 2 – Our Learner of the week is Emily. Emily has made a fantastic effort with her writing this week. It has been wonderful to see how proud Emily is of her own work and she has made great progress because of her efforts. Well done Emily.

Class 3 – Puffins class Learner of the Week is Amelia. She always tries her best with every task that she is given, she always shows adults that she is ready to learn by making good learning choices and is always ready to contribute to class discussions. This week Amelia has worked hard in all of her lessons and has produced work that she can be proud of! Well Done Amelia.

Class 4 – Penguins learner of the week is Chloe G. Chloe could be learner of the week every week. She always comes into school with a smile on her face and takes on every challenge with perseverance and determination. She is always kind and considerate of others and loves to help her peers. Chloe is a happy and polite individual who is a pleasure to teach. Well done Chloe!

Class 5 – Luke is Orca's learner of the week. His writing has been amazing, with lots of attention to his sentence structure. He has worked well in his maths group, often helping others. Luke is always eager to learn more. Well done, Luke!

Class 6 – Learner of the Week in Seahorses class is Kamana. She is always ready to learn and applies 100% to everything she does. We are very proud of her work ethic and her ability to help and support others in the class. She has produced some wonderful work this week in every subject - she should be very proud of herself. Keep up your amazing work Kamana!

Golden Manner Points

- 1st – Class 6 – 57 points
- 2nd – Class 3 – 53 points
- 3rd – Class 5 – 52 points
- 4th – Class 1 – 48 points



Fair Play Award

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



Collective Worship at St Mary's

Collective Worship this week has focused on hospitality and what it is. We explored what we can do as a school to welcome everyone to our building. We listened to the story of Sarah and Abraham and how they welcomed strangers to their home.

Class 6 led worship on Thursday and shared the fantastic work of the Mercy Ships and how they are turning round the lives of people in countries where medical help is lacking. If you have a moment please watch this video:

www.mercyships.org.uk.

Thought for the Week



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 10th – 16th MAY

This climate crisis hurts us all. But people living in poverty fight the worst of it every day. From drought to flooding, climate change robs people of control over their lives.

We will be participating in Christian Aid week from 10 -16 May and the children will be learning about Florence and Rose and how they struggle to survive without a reliable source of water. We would like to ask our generous community to make a donation via the website to help those less fortunate than themselves at

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week>

We will also have a bucket available for donations on both playgrounds on Friday 14th May.

Your gift could help a community build an earth dam, so when the rains do come, they will have the water they need to live. A reliable source of water will help families withstand long drought or relentless rainstorms.

We thank you for any and all donations on St Mary's behalf.

Miss Riley & Mrs Muller

Go with the FLO....

Dear Parents and Carers

It's Friday once again and the sun is shining!



It may still be chilly, but this month brings new hope and new opportunities.

I hope you are able to put the school bags away, turn off the school alarm and have some quality time this weekend.

Enjoy your weekend and we'll be ready to greet you again on Monday.

Take care,

Miss Claire Yarnley

Lunch menu - Week 2 Week beginning Monday 10th May

£2.30 per day

To view the menu and pay online, please go to
www.principals-catering.com

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS Friday 14th May

Class photographs will be taken on Friday 14th May by the school photography company, Vancols



Spotlight on..... Puffin Class



This week in Puffins class we have been exploring how plants transport water. We placed celery into pots that contained water and paint. We observed as the celery absorbed the water, thanks to the paint we were able to see how far the water was absorbed by the celery!

Next we placed our celery in different parts of the room to discover what impact temperature had on how quickly the celery absorbed the water. We discovered that the water was absorbed quicker when in a warmer part of the room!

Also in Puffins class this week we have been inspired by Ancient Greek pots, we explored the patterns and designs of Ancient Greek artefacts before creating our own! We are really proud of our artwork and would like to share one or two examples!



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**.



KM MEDIA GROUP 'MY DAD'



KM Media Group are running their popular 'My Dad' supplement, which will be published in all KM newspapers to coincide with Father's Day in June.

This is open to all primary school aged children and KM Media Group are asking parents to help children submit their pictures directly to their website by 24th May 2021.

Children can add their own special message to their picture and these will appear in newspapers during the week beginning 14th June.

To submit your picture, please go to:

www.kmmydad.co.uk

Hints and tips for good newspaper reproduction:

- Use bold colours
- Try to get the picture in the centre of the photo
- Make the picture as large as possible

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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