

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 14th May 2021

A Message from Ms Comfort

Looking Ahead

Plans are being drawn up so that we can do all that we are able to for our Year 6 children as they leave us – their Leaver Hoodies are currently on order and they will be wearing these as the year draws to a close.

We will shortly be reaching out to our new families who are due to join us in September.

In addition plans for other school-based summer events – such as class Sports Days are underway.

It is likely that we will continue to work in a remote way with families until the end of this academic year. The children, staff and families are settled into the routines we have in place and we are assured that in this way we are keeping everyone as safe as possible.

A reminder, please, to all of our families in Reception Class and Classes 1 and 2, that children need to eat a school lunch on **Thursday 20th May** in order to secure funding for their Infant Free School Meals for the year.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:



Class R – This week **Paisley** is Turtles Learner of the Week. In class, she has shown a positive attitude towards her learning and has challenged herself even when she has found an activity tricky. She has wowed Miss Riley with her super reading and Paisley has been working hard to develop her handwriting. In maths, she was a number bond superstar and enjoyed finding many different ways to make 10. In our Topic work, she has enjoyed reading our new story 'The Enormous Turnip' and re-enacting it with her friends.

Class 1 – **Xenia** is Starfish's 'Learner of the Week' this week as she has amazed us with her fantastic literacy learning – remembering her sounds when reading and writing. She tries her best at everything and works hard every day even if it is not always easy – she always attempts every activity set with enthusiasm. Well done Xenia! We are very proud of you.

Class 2 – Dolphin's Learner of the Week is **Gabby**. Gabby has been doing really well with her writing and maths this week. She has been quietly focused on her work and I have seen a big improvement as a result. Her recent writing for her diary entry is her best work and really shows her improvement in writing throughout Year 2. Well done Gabby!

Class 3 – **Eliza** is Learner of the Week in Puffins class. It has been fantastic to see Eliza happy and smiling in class. She has been enthusiastic and quick to join in with class discussions and class activities. Eliza always works hard in all of her lessons. I have been amazed this week by the fantastic vocabulary that she has included in her writing. Well Done Eliza!

Class 4 – Penguins Learner of the Week is **Arean**. Arean is always kind and polite and puts a smile on everyone's face. He tries his best in everything he does and takes on challenges with perseverance and determination. Arean is a pleasure to have in the Penguins class. Keep up the great work!

Class 5 – Our Learner of the Week is **Grace**. Grace has been working hard on her maths this week and has written a detailed diary entry. She enjoyed learning about Eva Crane, and has made a fascinating information page about bees. Grace is always ready to learn. Well done, Grace!

Class 6 – Learner of the Week in Seahorses is **Ahmet**! He always comes into school with a smile on his face. He is a great during lesson time, producing an interesting sea poem and friend and always makes us laugh. Ahmet has been working hard performing in character as Harland & Wolff from the Titanic. We are all proud of you Ahmet! Keep up the great work.

Golden Manner Points

1st – Class 1 – 98 points

2nd – Class 3 – 68 points

3rd – Class 4 – 62 points

4th – Class 6 – 60 points

Fair Play Award

1st – FISHER & TEMPLE

2nd – RAMSEY & LANG

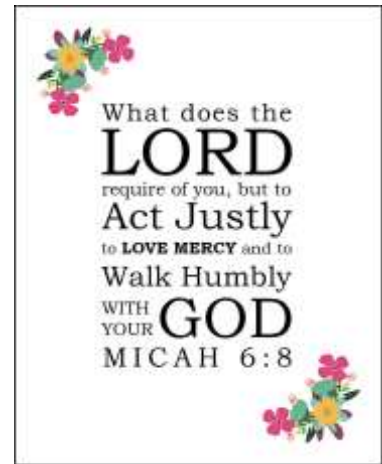
Collective Worship at St Mary's

This week in Collective Worship we have continued to explore the themes of Justice and Mercy, learning about the work of Christian Aid. Their aims, "We stand together. For dignity. For equality. For justice" were explored by Reverend Melissa.

It was exciting to see the story of Florence and how she finds singing a wonderful way to relax, but also how Christian Aid have provided her with the tools to grow vegetables and produce honey. Watch this here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Srx7RQm6cw>

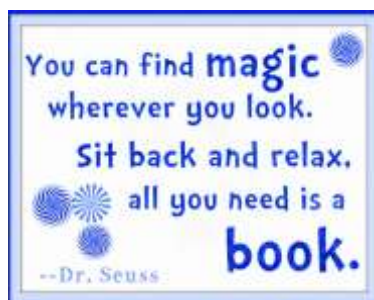
Thought for the Week



Date for the Diary

We were unable to celebrate World Book Day in March as we were in Lockdown, so please mark **Friday 16th July** in your diaries as **St Mary's Book Day**. We would like the children to dress up as their favourite characters from a book they enjoy reading.

To help you with this, Mrs Trelfer will be offering suggestions and links to books over the coming weeks. The teachers are already thinking about their costumes...



Go with the FLO....

Another school week completed. This week is also Mental Health Awareness week. Whilst it is important to look after our own mental health every week, it serves as a good reminder to support and take care of those around us.

This year's theme is nature and I'm sure we have all been even more grateful to be able to connect with nature over the past year, more so than ever.

The Mental Health Foundation have some brilliant tips about connecting with nature for our mental health, as well as more information about this week, and all things mental health related.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/campaigns/mental-health-awareness-week>

I hope you are able to take some time to connect with nature and make memories with your family this weekend.

One step closer to being able to hug again (for those that want to!).

Have a lovely weekend, **Miss Claire Yarnley**

Be yourself
Be proud
Stand tall
You are
Amazing!



Spotlight on..... Dolphin's Class

This week in Dolphins Class, we have been finishing writing a diary entry for our current book. We have written in the role as the main character in the story and the children have all done fantastic writing. I have seen a really good improvement.

We have also been focusing on plants for this term and this week the children have been really excited to plant their own. First they learnt about seeds and bulbs and how they are different, then they chose to plant either a seed or a bulb. The children have been really careful to look after their plants as they have sole responsibility to help them grow. As you can see from the photos we already have some shoots growing.



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**.

Lunch menu - Week 3 Week beginning Monday 17th May

£2.30 per day

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

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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