

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 21st May 2021

A Message from Ms Comfort

Class Photographs

As you will know, Class Photographs were taken last week and Vancols are pleased to confirm that these are now ready to view. Please look out for an email for your individual class code to enable you to view and order your child's class photograph.

St Mary's Book Day - Friday 16th July

This was mentioned in last week's newsletter – please save the date! We would like to make a whole school effort with dressing up as book characters on this day towards the end of next term. Mrs Trelfer is going to publish ideas in each of our newsletters between now and then. Do look out for these and help your child to dress as a character from a reading book which they have enjoyed.

Reception Class 2021

We have a few spaces in our Reception Class, which is due to start in September. Do please let any friends or family members know and ask them to contact the school office for help in applying.

Thank you

Very many thanks to you all for your ongoing support. I hope you all have a good weekend – if the weather continues as today we will all need to 'batten down the hatches'!

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's

Collective Worship this week has focused on Prayer, connecting with our senses, ourselves and others.

On Monday we wrote a whole school prayer which is still being shared daily with a huge Amen after each class contribution. On Wednesday, Melissa used objects to help us focus our prayers. Looking at these objects, you can think about the connections:

Teddy Bears for family, stones for Dover and the beach, braids for friendships, water bottles for people who might not have food and water, a labyrinth for a journey that leads us to God, a world map to link to world leaders and newspapers to focus on a story that interests us.

We also celebrated Pentecost on Thursday, listening to the story from Acts 2 v1-13.

Go with the FLO....

This week marks easing of restrictions and a new sense of freedom... which may bring both excitement as well as nervousness.

It's completely understandable that we may experience a mixture of feelings right now.

We have all got used to a new way of life over the last year. And, whilst there are aspects of our old way of life we are missing, it's also normal to feel nervous about what's to come.

We may be excited to finally be able to do things we've longed for, and equally, nervous about navigating situations we haven't been in for a long time.

Recognising this and going at our own pace is so important.

It's what feels right for you and your family - the world is waiting for you when you are ready.

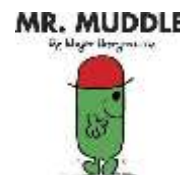
I hope your family has a wonderful weekend, doing what you feel comfortable doing.

Miss Claire Yarnley

St Mary's Book Day 16th July

Costume Ideas

Why not pick a book from the series by Roger Hargreaves and dress up as a character from it. I have just found Mr Muddle and Little Miss Chatterbox but there are many more.



The Boy who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd has a great red dragon in it - or you could dress up as the boy.



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Waleed is Turtles Learner of the Week. Waleed is a kind and caring member of the class and always tries his best. In Phonics he has tried super hard to write his own name and also remember new letter sounds. He has also enjoyed learning about different mini beasts in our Topic work and used the wooden bricks to make his own bug hotel for a spider and butterfly! Well done Waleed!

Class 1 - Paignton is Starfish's Learner of the Week as she is always a 'Superstar'. She always listens to know what is expected of her and tries her best with every task set. This week, she has amazed us with her wonderful writing - always beautifully written, and she is challenging herself to write great quantities as well as ensuring she completes the learning objective. Well done Paignton! We are very proud of you.

Class 2 - Dolphin's Learner of the Week is **Zain**. Zain has settled into class well now and is showing a better understanding of the St Mary's values; in particular, he has been really caring and looked after his classmates when hurt in the playground. In lessons he tries really hard in Maths and has shown an excellent understanding of clockwise and anti-clockwise turns. He is also improving his writing and this has really picked up since he joined us. Well done Zain!

Class 3 - Puffins Learner of the Week is **Anita**, Anita has been a superstar every day this week as she has persevered and worked hard to be independent in her maths and literacy lessons. She has particularly worked hard in literacy to write her own diary entry from the perspective of Perseus, using the key events from the story of Perseus and Medusa. Anita should be extremely proud of her hard work this week. Well done Anita!

Class 4 - Penguins learner of the week is **Melissa**. Melissa has tried her best with every task this week. She has accepted challenges and has been proud of herself when she has accomplished what she set out to do. Melissa triumphed in our PE lesson this week as she persevered when presented with a tricky task. Keep up the great work Melissa!

Class 5 - Our Learner of the Week in Orca class is **Elizabeth**. Elizabeth's writing has been amazing, inventing her own circus with interesting characters and an artistic drawing. She has been making good progress in maths, and is always willing to help others. Elizabeth begins every day ready to learn.

Class 6 - Learner of the Week in Seahorses is **Emilia**! Emilia always works hard and applies 100% effort to her learning. She produces wonderful work that she should be incredibly proud of. Emilia always has her head buried in a book and is willing to try a range of genres. It was only last week that Emilia had a towering stack of books beneath her desk ready to read! We are all proud of you Emilia, keep up your hard work!

Golden Manner Points

1st - Class 6 - 118 points
2nd - Class 4 - 109 points
3rd - Class 3 - 82 points
4th - Class 5 - 79 points

Fair Play Award

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



Thought for the Week



Spotlight on..... Penguins Class

The Penguins cannot believe how quickly this term has flown by! We have enjoyed being back in the classroom with our friends completing many fun learning challenges.

This term, we have been tasked with researching our local area. We have enjoyed recording the weather every day, carrying out a traffic survey and discovering the animals we have around our school.

Our two fish, Simba and Nala, have loved their first term in the classroom with us. We have taken turns to feed them every morning and they love to follow our fingers around the outside of their tank.

The penguins are looking forward to the last week of Term 5 and then a well-earned break over the half term!



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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 1 Week beginning Monday 24th 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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