

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## A Message from Ms Comfort

The children and staff have all worked incredibly hard this term and I thank all families for their continued support.

We said a final farewell to Mrs Hilary Shaw this week. Many of you will have known her during her 25 years at St Mary's. Retiring from the position as Head of School in March 2020, Mrs Shaw has continued as SENCo until this week. I know you will all join with me in thanking her for her years of dedication to our school community.

Ms Daisy Craig takes over the role of SENCo after half term and can be contacted through the school office in the usual way.

It looks as though the summer weather has decided to join us just as we break for the half term holiday. I wish you all a lovely week and hope that you are able to get outside to enjoy the weather.

Happy half term holiday!

**Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**



## Contact Tracing Over Half Term

The DfE has asked schools to continue with contact tracing over half term, similar to the arrangements over Easter. School leaders are required to assist with NHS tracking and tracing for 6 days after the end of term – until and including **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**. Please note the following:

1. Staff and parents/carers of pupils need to inform the school of a positive case where they developed symptoms within 48 hours of being at school.
2. Staff and parents/carers of pupils who were asymptomatic, but tested positive within 48 hours of last being in school, also need to let the school know.
3. The school should assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in their education setting.
4. Where pupils or staff test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being at school, schools are not required to take any action. Staff and parents/carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

To notify me during the holiday please email [office@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net). This is the only account which is guaranteed to be monitored during the relevant time. If I am notified of a positive result, as per the above criteria, the relevant school children and staff member contacts will be informed by email and text sent from the Parentmail system. Do please, of course, keep us updated in the new term with any Covid-related information which you are not required to advise us of during the holiday. Thank you.

## Go with the FLO....

Thank you greatly for welcoming me into my new role, greeting me at the gates, and contacting me to discuss your thoughts. It has been a pleasure to work with your children and your family this term.

Now it's time to pack the school bags away and enjoy a well deserved break with your family.

I am wishing you the sunniest and happiest of holidays.

I look forward to seeing you all in our last summer term.

Take care,

**Miss Claire Yarnley**



## Thought for the Week



## Collective Worship at St Mary's

We have been celebrating creativity this week. Using the bible verse, Genesis 1 v1 "In the beginning, when God created the universe" we have explored how the world is creative and how we express ourselves through, art, craftsmanship and talents.

We spent time thinking about how we would complete the statement 'I am amazing because....' Please try this at home during the holiday. Take time to listen to this song by Philippa Hanna, I am Amazing.

<https://youtube/fVnKj0fbMiU>

## Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

**Class 1 - Emily** is Starfish's 'Learner of the Week' as she has worked extremely hard and has tried hard to remain focused on what she has been doing. She has shown fantastic number skills - ordering and comparing greater numbers. She has made fantastic effort with her handwriting and sentences, in particular, including adjectives. She has listened brilliantly in Topic; she has remembered some amazing details and she has created a fantastic animation on the IPad. Well done Emily! A great week, we are very proud of you.

**Class 2 - Dolphins** Learner of the Week is **Amber**. Amber has been a superstar this week. She is always listening in lessons and this has helped her really understand her work and be able to join in with our discussions and share some insightful ideas. I have been particularly pleased with Amber's Maths work this week, she has been using the steps to solve maths problems carefully and demonstrated excellent partner work to ensure her peers on her table understand the work also. Great teamwork Amber, well done.

**Class 3 - Christian K** has been Puffins Learner of the Week. He has worked hard in maths and literacy. He has had a positive attitude when arriving at school, which has continued throughout the day. Well done Christian - Miss Roberts, Mrs Russell and Miss Amer are very proud of you.

**Class 4 - Penguins** Learner of the Week is **Devyani**. Devyani could be learner of the week every week. She always tries her best and loves to challenge herself. Devyani has been trying super hard to read lots and to complete quizzes this term to win Word Wizard for the class. She is a fantastic friend to her peers and is a pleasure to teach. Keep up the great work Devyani!

**Class 5 - Kai So** is Orca Learner of the Week. Kai has made amazing progress with his maths and has been fully engaged with our current book 'Street Child'. He was a fabulous class mannequin for our measurement lesson when we were learning about the Vitruvian man in our Leonardo da Vinci unit. Well done, Kai.

**Class 6 - Learner of the Week in Seahorses** is Hugh! Hugh has been working hard this week in all subjects and has persevered during our end of term tests. He has been earning many fair play points for his house on the playground, being the master of skipping - keeping everyone entertained. Keep up your hard work Hugh! We are all very proud.



### Golden Manner Points

1st - Class R - 68 points

2nd - Class 5 - 62 points

3rd - Class 4 - 59 points

4th - Class 3 - 56 points

### Fair Play Award

1<sup>st</sup> - LANG

2<sup>nd</sup> - TEMPLE

3<sup>rd</sup> - RAMSEY

4<sup>th</sup> - FISHER



### St Mary's Book Day Costume Ideas

**Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers**

You can dress up as the boy or the penguin



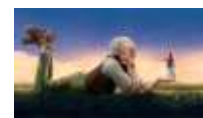
**Mr Dog by Ben Fogle**

You could dress as a dog



**The BFG by Roald Dahl**

You could make some big ears and dress up as the giant



## Spotlight on..... Turtles Class



Turtles Class have had a very busy week. In Topic, we have been reading the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and creating our own pictures to illustrate the story. We then discovered the names of more minibeasts and went on our very own bug hunt around the school grounds.

The children have also been growing their own 'magic beans' and finding out about the different parts of a plant. Before the holidays they are going to plant their beans in the outdoor area, so they can continue to grow... I wonder if we'll find a giant at the top?

Finally, in maths we have enjoyed learning lots of new songs as we explored numbers to 20 and beyond!



## CH&Co - Principals Catering

Follow the link below for a half term special edition of 'From the Kitchen' by CH & Co

[https://www.chandcogroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/From\\_the\\_Kitchen-Half\\_Term\\_Special\\_May\\_2021.pdf](https://www.chandcogroup.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/From_the_Kitchen-Half_Term_Special_May_2021.pdf)



### 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](http://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 2 Week beginning Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**£2.30 per day**

Follow the link below to view the menu:

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=854&type=pdf>

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

[www.principals-catering.com](http://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](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net)

**To get a test go online to:**

**[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://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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