

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 11th June 2021

A Message from Ms Comfort

Welcome to the final term of this academic year. Whilst it is a bit grey and muted as I write, we have had some beautiful summer weather this week and are scheduled to continue to do so. Thank you for supporting us by organising sun hats and sunscreen this week.



Javelin, hurdles, 100m sprint, netball shooting, skipping, target throw, relay and penalty shoot were just some of the many amazing and engaging activities on offer this week during the sports Activity afternoons.

The weather was amazing for Classes 4, 5 and 6. We were so proud of all the children. They demonstrated excellent team skills, encouraging each other in their team and other teams. The scorekeepers were professional and worked hard to make every activity run smoothly. Dean and Mark, our Sports Coaches provided encouragement and ran the event like clockwork.

The teachers are now working on presentations to go on the website. We will let you know when they are available to view.

Fingers Crossed for good weather next week for Classes R, 1, 2 and 3. Happy weekend everyone.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Go with the FLO....

Happy Friday to you and your family!

I hope you have enjoyed the sunshine as much as all the staff and children at school this week.



I wanted to share some information with you this week that was provided to us as a school about parenting and carer support.

Parents and carers are able to access Online Solihull Parenting Courses. These have brilliant reviews and can be helpful supporting families to discover, learn and understand even more - from the comfort of your own home.

We have a link and password in order for our families to access courses if they would like to.

There are 4 courses that can be accessed:

- Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby
- Understanding your baby
- Understanding your child 0-19
- Understanding your teenager's brain

To access, you can follow this link www.inourplace.co.uk, apply the access code: Invicta, and register for an account.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Claire Yarnley

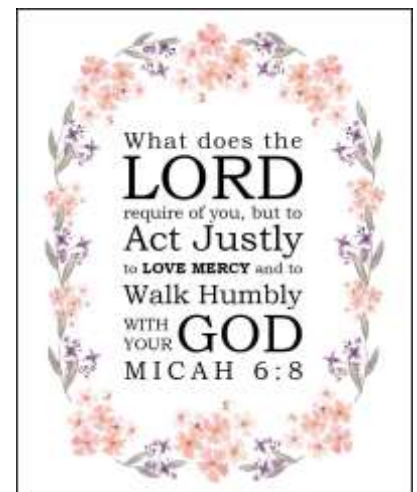
Collective Worship at St Mary's

This week has been Refugee Week 2021 around the country. In Collective Worship we have looked at stories about refugees, starting with Joseph and Mary's journey to Egypt with Jesus. This can be found in Matthew 2:13-23.

The topic was expanded further by watching the story of Dino the Dinosaur with Reverend Melissa on Wednesday.

On Thursday the children reflected on 3 things that they would take with them if they had to leave their home in a hurry.

Thought for the Week



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Learner of the Week in Turtles Class is **Lenka**. This week she impressed Mrs Cassingena in phonics, recognising different letter sounds and practising her letter formation. Lenka has also been working hard to write her own name independently. In Topic, she enjoyed building sand castles and talking about different things you can do and see when you visit the beach. Well done Lenka!

Class 1 - **Mallory** is Starfish's 'Learner of the Week' this week. She comes to school every day with a smile on her face; she always listens and works hard, challenging herself at every opportunity. She joins in class discussions with fantastic answers. She has mostly impressed us with her story writing - she has written an amazing story independently (2 pages long) without prompting, after playing in our castle role-play area, during the afternoon. Amazing language and sentences. Well done Mallory! We are very proud of you.

Class 2 - Learner of the Week in Dolphins class is **Jesus**. Jesus has really stood out during our RE lessons all year but this has particularly been the case this week. Jesus has been very respectful when learning about Islam and has been able to reflect effectively when we discussed Islamic festivals specifically the need for strength and perseverance during Ramadan. Well done Jesus.

Class 3 - Learner of the Week in Puffins class is **Kristian**. Kristian has worked hard this week on his letter formation and we have seen a real improvement in his handwriting. Kristian has really persevered with his writing this week and has approached his writing with a positive attitude. He has been able to write in full sentences using pictures to help him. Well Done Kristian!

Class 4 - Penguins Learner of the Week is **Samir**. Samir could be learner of the week every week. He has a fantastic attitude to his learning and loves to challenge himself. Samir is a polite and cheerful member of the class who is always ready and willing to help and encourage others. He has shown us just how much of a whizz he is with his times tables this week, we are all very impressed! Well done Samir, keep up the great work.

Class 5 - **Dylan** is our Learner of the Week in Orca class. He has been making good choices and had a brilliant time at our sports event. He is making progress with his maths and was able to give a super character description of Albus Dumbledore. He also made an excellent graph of human development in science. Well done, Dylan!

Class 6 - Learner of the Week in Year 6 is Raiya! She has been working hard with the play rehearsals, practising her lines and solo singing. She enjoyed taking part in sports day and showed what a great team player she is. Raiya has persevered with her Maths and Literacy work this week, producing work she should be proud of. Well done Raiya. We are all proud of you.



Golden Manner Points

1st - Class 4 - 75 points

2nd - Class R - 54 points

3rd - Class 1 - 48 points

Fair Play Award

1st - **LANG & FISHER**

2nd - **RAMSEY**

3rd - **TEMPLE**

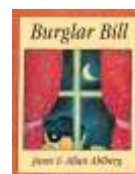
St Mary's Book Day

Friday 16th July

Burglar Bill or Burglar Betty

The Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

The Titanic Detective Agency by Lindsay Littleson
dress as Bertha, a 2nd Class Passenger
or Johan, a 3rd Class Passenger



Spotlight on..... Seahorses Class

Class 6 has had a very busy week! On Tuesday afternoon we had our class sports day which was a great success! The children took part in a range of activities from hurdles races to javelin throwing.

They were all very supportive of each other and set a great example for the rest of the school.

In the afternoons, Year 6 have been working hard rehearsing for the end of year production. There is plenty of singing, dancing and acting happening, which is fun for all.

They were all very excited to receive their leaver's hoodies earlier this week, which they will now be wearing with pride for the rest of the year.



Kindness - that simple word. To be kind - it covers everything, to my mind. If you're kind that's it.

Roald Dahl



Lunch Menu - Week 3 Week beginning Monday 14th 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

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**.

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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