

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 18th June 2021

A Message from Ms Comfort

Staff News

As we approach the end of the school year, I would like to update you with some staff changes and to outline which staff will be working with each class next year.

Head of School

As you know, Mrs Ally Trelfer has been undertaking the role of Head of School since Spring 2020. Mrs Trelfer has been a tremendous support to all members of the school community throughout her time in this role and I thank her for all that she has managed during a particularly challenging time.

Whilst Mrs Trelfer has very much enjoyed this senior leader role, she wishes to return to the classroom and will be doing so in September.

I am pleased to be able to tell you all that a permanent Head of School has been appointed – Mr Matthew Lamprell. Mr Lamprell will be joining us in September and is due at school on 1st and 8th July this term as he begins his induction – do look out for him on the school gate.

Mrs Sandy Muller

Mrs Muller has taught at St Mary's for 5½ years. Over the years she has reduced her teaching days and, at the end of this year, will be leaving us so she has more time for various family commitments. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs Muller for her commitment to St Mary's and wishing her and her family well. Mrs Muller has agreed to go on our supply teacher list so we may well still see her in school from time to time.

Miss Sam Riley – wedding bells!

During the summer holidays Miss Riley will marry her fiancé and will return in September as Mrs Sam Tomkinson. We all wish her and her husband-to-be all the very best.

Class Staff 2021-2022

The plan for classes and staff for next year is as follows:

Year Group	Class Name	Teacher	Support Staff
R	Turtles	Mrs Sam Tomkinson	Mrs Marie Cassingena
1	Starfish	Ms Daisy Craig - Monday and Tuesday Mrs Ally Trelfer - Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	Mrs Charlotte Salter
2	Otters	Mrs Ally Trelfer - Monday & Tuesday Mrs Emma Fagg - Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	Mrs Malita Page
3	Puffins	Miss Beth Roberts	Mrs Kelly Russell
4	Penguins	Miss Amber Sayer	Mrs Natalie Wrench
5	Orcas	Mr Andrew Matheson-Venning	Miss Megan Stone Mrs Alison Southey
6	Seahorses	Miss Kirsty Loges	Mrs Sylvia Smith
Additional Specialist Teaching Assistants:- Mrs Maria Mold Mrs Teresa Jones Mrs Lesley Bondsio			

Please don't hesitate to make contact if you have any queries, comments or concerns

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher



Spotlight on..... Starfish Class!

What a scorcher of a week we have had! 'Starfish Class' have had a fun-filled week this week. In Science, the children have been exploring plants; they have been discovering all different types of plants, and learning about the different parts of a plant and why they are needed.

This week, they have planted their own seeds and will be watching closely to see if they bloom into beautiful flowers. However, they must ensure they look after them and give them everything they need to grow successfully. In a few weeks time, our classroom may look like a beautiful orchard. Then, we had our very first school Sports Day. We are extremely proud of the behaviour, attitude, enthusiasm and participation of the children, they encouraged and supported each other brilliantly and just had a fantastic afternoon.

It was extremely hot, but this did not affect them at all. We have many talented children in our class so watch out, they may be our professional sports people of the future.

Well done Starfish!



St Mary's Book Day Friday 16th July

The Day the Crayons Quit by Drew Daywalt
Dress up as a coloured crayon

The Three Little Pigs & the Big Bad Wolf
Wear a pig or wolf mask

Private Peaceful by Michael Morpurgo
Dress up as a World War 1 Soldier

Prayer

God, grant me the serenity
to accept the things I cannot
change

Courage to change the
things I can

And the wisdom to know the
difference

Thought for the Week



Collective Worship at St Mary's

This week in worship we have been learning about the great journeys of St Paul.

At the beginning of the week we heard the story of how Saul converted to Christianity and became Paul. Paul showed great bravery, commitment and perseverance in talking to people about Jesus, despite being attack and treated unfairly himself.

You can find the stories in the bible in Acts.

Sports Days – Years R, 1, 2 & 3

Wow, what a week-we were so lucky with the weather to complete all our Sports Afternoons.

Classes 3,2,1 and R took part this week. They were skipping, running, throwing the javelin, hurdling, cheering their teams on and having an exciting time.

A huge thank you to Dean Gonsalves - our sports coach - and the Year 6 team, who supported every day. Every child enjoyed their session and the results are as follows:

Sports Day Awards

- 1st - Blue Lang - 1,102 points
- 2nd - Green Ramsey - 1,068 points
- 3rd - Red Temple - 1,047 points
- 4th - Yellow Fisher - 968 points



- Class R - Bryan H and Laura
- Class 1 - Henley and Emily
- Class 2 - Sebastian and Amber
- Class 3 - Chase and Anita
- Class 4 - Alex and Salomea
- Class 5 - Rudie and Nikolas
- Class 6 - Ahmet and Isabelle

Go with the FLO....

It's Friday again and let's hope the rain clears up again soon!



This week I wanted to share some information all about anxiety, something that is so common, and becoming more widely talked about.

Kent Educational Psychology service have created a parent/carers webinar to discuss anxiety. It covers what anxiety is, common causes, anxiety in children and how to offer support. It may be a helpful for anyone in your family or to pass on to someone you know. It is free to watch and can be accessed by using the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SY4Nu48OVrE>

Wishing you and your family a well relaxed and restful weekend.

Miss Claire Yarnley

Golden Manner Points

1st - Penguins - 67 points

2nd - Turtles - 49 points

3rd - Starfish - 44 points

Fair Play Award

1st - LANG

2nd - FISHER

3rd - TEMPLE & RAMSEY

Class R – Early Pick Up

Wednesday 23rd June

Essential plumbing work is being carried out in Class R on Wednesday 23rd June, for this day only.

For this afternoon only, we would like you to collect your child at 1:00pm. They can then continue their learning at home using the blended learning on the school website.

If you have siblings in school, it is expected that they will stay in school and be picked up at the end of the afternoon as usual.

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

Lunch Menu - Week 1

Week beginning Monday 21st 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

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**.

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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Follow this link to our website

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>

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