

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 2nd July 2021



A Message from Ms Comfort

'Rain, rain go away and come again another day' has felt like a very appropriate rhyme this week. As I write we have had a sunny and warm day; long may that continue!

Class 6

Some of the children in Class 6 started their Bikeability course this week. We are very pleased to offer this to all of our oldest Key Stage 2 children to help them to learn to cycle independently and safely on the road. The children have also been busy performing their version of 'Midsummer Night's Dream' which is being recorded for their families to see – we have a number of budding film stars in the making!

Getting to know you

Miss Riley and Mrs Trelfer have been getting to know our new children and parents using video calling and telephone this week. We are very much looking forward to welcoming them to St Mary's CEP in September.

Mr Matthew Lamprell visited school on Thursday of this week and will do so again next week. He will be starting at St Mary's CEP in September as our new Head of School. Key Stage 1 families met him at the gate this week, he will be at the Key Stage 2 gate next week – do look out and say hello.

Sports Day Photographs

Photographs of all classes during our recent Sports Days are uploaded to the school website for you to see. The links to these are elsewhere in this newsletter – it looks like a good time was had by all. Very many thanks to Mrs Emma Fagg our PE Leader, and Dean Gonsalves our Sports Coach, as well as all of the staff and children for making these so successful.

Covid-19

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter numbers of positive cases are on the rise at the moment. Thank you for all that you are doing with regards keeping children at home if they have symptoms and getting them tested. We continue to have no positive cases at school and we keep our fingers crossed that we can get to the end of term with this still being the case.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Spotlight on..... Dolphins Class!

In Dolphins class this week we have had some excellent learning happening.

In English we have just started a new book titled 'The Robot and The Bluebird'. It's one of Mr Venning's favourite picture books and the children seem to be really enjoying finding out about the story and looking closely at the illustrations to find extra information.



In Maths we are focusing on reading the time which can be a tricky concept for children to master but so far we are doing really well and demonstrating good understanding of how to read the clock.



The children have also really got their teeth into our topic about China and are particularly looking forward to creating their model of the Great Wall of China, whose will be the longest? Next week we will find out if we have any future architects.



Thought for the Week



Collective Worship at St Mary's

Worship this week involved us standing firm and persevering.

We explored the armour of God which included the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of peace, and helmet of salvation.

We even exercised our brains with Kim's Game. Everyone did a really good job in remembering all the items on the tray.



Sports Day - Class Videos

Please follow the links below to watch our Sports Day class videos:

Class R - <https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+R&pid=57>

Class 1 - <https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+1&pid=62>

Class 2 - <https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+2&pid=63>

Class 3 - <https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+3&pid=64>

Class 4 - <https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+4&pid=65>

Class 5 - <https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+5&pid=66>

Class 6 - <https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/page/?title=Class+6&pid=67>

St Mary's Book Day

Staff are getting excited as Book Day is nearly upon us - **Friday 16th July**.

If you are still thinking about what character to dress up as you could use any book by Julia Donaldson, The Gruffalo, The Highway Rat or Room on the Broom.

Take inspiration from fairy tales - Cinderella, Rapunzel, Shrek, Red Riding Hood, Prince Charming or Sinbad.



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Learner of the Week in Turtles class is **EVERYONE!** It has been too hard to pick just one overall learner. The children have thoroughly enjoyed reading our new storybook this week (Lost and Found by Oliver Jeffers) and they have all produced some amazing artwork and writing. They have also demonstrated outstanding teamwork in PE and shown just how kind and caring they are. Turtles you should feel very proud of yourselves :)

Class 2 - Dolphins Learner of the Week is **Gabby**. Gabby has been keen to contribute in lessons and has shown her focus through the great answers and ideas she has shared with the class. She has shown excellent understanding in Maths where we have been learning about time, this can be a tricky topic in year 2 but Gabby has been really articulate and demonstrated excellent reasoning to help everyone better understand how to read the time. Well done Gabby.

Class 3 - This week my Learner of the Week is **Denis**, Denis has shown kindness throughout the week this week. He has been helpful around the classroom, helping adults with jobs. He has also shown his kindness on the playground, demonstrating exactly what it means to be a good friend. Denis should also be proud of his hard work in lessons this week; he has approached all of his work with enthusiasm. Denis worked as part of a team to investigate the capacity of a range of containers in maths and asked many fantastic questions in our Geography lesson this week. Well done for all of your hard work this week Denis.

Class 4 - The first learner of the week in Penguins class is **Freddie**. This week Freddie has tried his best in every task. He has taken on challenges with his learning and has been trying his best to pass as many quizzes as he can! Freddie always has a smile on his face and is a great friend to his peers.

The second learner of the week in Penguins class is **Max**. Max has also been taking on challenges in his learning this week; he has wowed us with his knowledge of symmetry and has produced some fantastic work in Literacy. Max is polite, helpful and always follows the school rules. Well done Freddie and Max!

Class 6 - Learner of the Week in Year Six is **Iris!** Iris always has a positive attitude towards her work and school life, even if she finds a task challenging, she always perseveres. She is a kind, thoughtful, polite and valued member of our class. She is a friend to all and never fails to make us smile. Iris, you are amazing. We are all proud of you. Keep up the fantastic work!



Golden Manner Points

1st - Class 5 - 87 points

2nd - Class 3 - 73 points

3rd - Class 4 - 70 points

Fair Play Award

1st - FISHER

2nd - LANG & TEMPLE

3rd - RAMSEY

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OF YOU!

Go with the FLO....

Good afternoon and happy Friday.

I wanted to share with you this week about the work Home-Start do to support families.

Parenting is never easy, even at the best of times, and especially through the last year. Knowing where to turn can be tricky, but Home-Start have trained, friendly volunteers to provide a helping hand.

Home-Start work alongside you to overcome any challenges you are facing; building on your strengths and giving you the support that you tell them you need.

You can easily request support online using the following link, or if you would like me to request support, you can always call me any time to discuss further.

<https://www.home-start.org.uk/>

Wishing you a wonderful weekend. Miss Claire Yarnley



ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - Week 3
Week beginning Monday 5th July
£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**.

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