

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 16th July 2021



A Message from Ms Comfort

Farewell Year 6

Our Year 6 children have had the most wonderful week undertaking a range of activities on and off-site; you may have seen them in their 'civvies'! Plans to go the park on Monday were changed to completing a task master challenge in class due to the dreadful weather! The rest of the week ran according to schedule however with a day in the Forest School which included tidying the area, building fences, cooking pizzas and toasting marshmallows. On Wednesday they had games on the field led by our Sports Coach, a barbeque lunch and then a super day out with the Dover smART project on Thursday where the children painted self-portraits using spray paint. The week was rounded off with our Book Character Dress up Day for all children, and party in the hall for Year 6.

The children's behaviour throughout the week has been exemplary with many people complimenting them on their good manners and fine attitudes – well done Class 6; I am proud of you all!

We will continue to honour the children in Year 6 next week with a leavers' service and some of our other time-honoured traditions.

End of Year Reports

Your child will be bringing home their end of year report on Monday. I hope you enjoy reading these – do please contact the school office if you would like an appointment to discuss the report with the class teacher.

Book Character Dress up Day

St Mary's Book Day - what a resounding success!

Mrs Trelfer and Miss Yarnley said it was lovely to greet so many different book characters through the gates this morning. Thank you everyone for taking the time to make and buy costumes for your children.

We saw Superheroes, Golden Tickets, Red Riding Hood, The Mad Hatter, Willy Wonka, Alice in Wonderland and many more characters from classic tales and modern tales.

End of Term

The school year finishes for children on **Tuesday 20th July**. Children will be bringing their workbooks home on Monday 19th.

The sun is set to shine this weekend and next week – I hope you all have some time to enjoy it.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's

This week in Collective Worship we have explored the theme of prayer using a teaspoon.

T=Thanks, S=Sorry, P= Please.

The children created their own prayers using these letters to prompt their thoughts. We also looked at prayers to remember people and ask for things that we need. Finally, we learnt The Grace, and everyone was invited to join in with this.

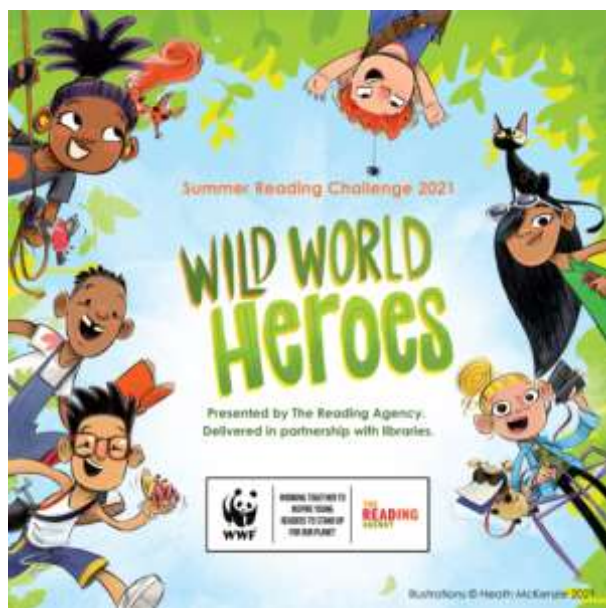
Thought for the Week



Summer Reading Challenge

Don't forget you can "Go wild" with the Kent Libraries reading challenge this year. All the details can be found here.

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Go with the FLO....

A very happy Friday to you.

With the Summer Holiday fast approaching and the sun finally making an appearance, I wanted to share a community-led programme with you called 'Reconnect'.

The programme is designed to get children back to enjoying the activities they took part in pre-pandemic, as well as the opportunity to try new things!

More information can be found at

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/reconnect>

or you can email

community@doover.gov.uk

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Claire Yarnley



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class R - Learner of the Week in Turtles Class is **Zante**. Zante is a delight to have in class and he always tries his best. He is a kind and caring friend to others and always has a smile on his face. Well done Zante!

Class 1 - **Nevaeh** is Starfish's 'Learner of the Week' this week as she has been a 'Superstar'. She always listens to know what is expected of her and tries her best with every task set. She has made good choices every day with a big smile on her face! She has really impressed us with her listening skills, concentration and attitude - it cannot be faulted. She always brings a smile to our faces with her little comments and character. Well done Nevaeh! We are very proud of you.

Class 2 - Dolphin's Learner of the week is **Maria**. Maria has worked hard all year and is always focused in lessons, she likes to contribute and share her ideas and is kind and helpful to adults and the other children in class. Well done Maria.

Class 3 - **Pasha** is Puffins Learner of the Week as she always comes into school with a smile on her face, which is infectious! She is always polite and helpful in the classroom. She has worked hard this week to begin to be more independent in her learning. She has approached independent tasks enthusiastically and has shown real perseverance when trying to complete her learning activities. Pasha has impressed Miss Roberts this week by being able to add and subtract within 20 independently. Pasha has enjoyed joining in with a range of activities in the classroom this week and has shown off her fantastic painting skills during our collaborative class art piece. Well Done Pasha!

Class 4 - Penguins Learner of the Week is **Ethan**. Ethan has tried hard with every challenge this week. He has enjoyed listening to the end of our Literacy story and created a lovely book review. Ethan is a polite and helpful member of the class who always has a smile on his face. Well done Ethan!

Class 6 - Learner of the Week in Year 6 is **EVERYONE!** Year 6 has had the best week ever! All the children represented St Mary's so well on their trips and activities this week, they made us all proud.



FAIR PLAY AWARD

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

GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - Class 6
- 2nd - Class 2
- 3rd - Class 4



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ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - Week 2
Week beginning Monday 19th 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



**The last day of Term 6 is
Tuesday 20th July**

**The children return to school
for Term 1 on
Wednesday 1st September**

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.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher
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Follow this link to our website

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



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

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