

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 10th September 2021

A Message from Ms Comfort

It has been a busy but successful first full week of the school year. The children have settled well into their new classes and are working hard. They are also enjoying being able to mix with children beyond their own classes. Coming together in the hall for Collective Worship has certainly helped us all to reconnect with the whole school community.

Thank you for continuing to look out for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in your children and yourselves. With fewer control measures in place in school now it is more important than ever that anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms stays away from school and seeks a PCR test. Regular Lateral Flow Testing is also a very good way to identify people who have the virus but do not have symptoms.

'Meet the Teacher'

Staff have prepared PowerPoints about the class and the year ahead for each class. These will be available on the school website shortly – we will let you know when they are.

Links with St Mary's Church

It was a privilege to be invited to represent the community of St Mary's CEP School at St Mary's Church on Wednesday evening this week as Revd Catherine Tucker was licensed as Interim Priest in Charge. She can now begin her ministry in this parish. Along with other members of Dover community I said a few words of welcome during the service. I was pleased to be supported by Mr Lamprell's attendance also at this important event.

St Mary's CEP on Social Media

Our Facebook page continues to be updated with weekly news and pictures – do please give us a follow if you have not already. Our Twitter page has also been launched this week. You can follow links from the school website to both of these or use the links below. It is good to have this platform to share all that is great about St Mary's CEP with the world!

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/St-Marys-C-of-E-Primary-School-820857021275490/>

Twitter - <https://twitter.com/stmarysdover>

Little Lambs

Trish Simmons, one of our school Governors who has also had a long career in nursery education, is setting up a parent/carer toddler group which will run on Friday mornings – you may have seen the banner on the top school gate. This will be a great opportunity to meet up with other parents and for your child to play. The sessions will be held in the Parish Centre in town and hopefully also sometimes at school. If you are interested please telephone 01304 213899 or 07392806486 or email parishcentremanager@outlook.com.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Classes 3 – 6 Pantomime Trip

You will have seen the information regarding the Key Stage 2 trip to the theatre in December.

The deadline for returning your slip and monies is **Monday 27th September**.



Swimming

Thank you to the parent/carers of **Class 6** for your support in returning your child's swimming information in time this week.

Swimming lessons start on **Tuesday 14th September**. I look forward to hearing about how the children get on!

Class 5 – look out for the letter coming home to you with further details about swimming for your child in Term 2.



Collective Worship at St Mary's

This week we met together in the hall for Collective Worship for the first time in 18 months – it felt good!

As we start this new academic year we took time to remind ourselves about what Collective Worship is. We thought about how Collective Worship is the unique heartbeat of a Church school and that it will always be inclusive, invitational and inspiring. During Collective Worship, we light our candle at the beginning as a symbol of Jesus Christ the light of our world and as a signal that worship has begun.

FAIR PLAY AWARD

- 1st - Lang - 201 points
- 2nd - Temple - 190 points
- 3rd - Fisher - 185 points
- 4th - Ramsey - 184 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

- 1st - Class 5 - 100
- 2nd - Class 4 - 79
- 3rd - Class 2 - 70



Go with the FLO....

It has been lovely to see the children collectively; hear them sing together, play together, and be together. A refreshed sense of togetherness!

It has also been positive to hear local areas of support opening up and becoming more accessible. I wanted to share with you about Dover's Children's centers as they are beginning to re-open to the public:

Buckland and Whitfield - 03000 414941

Blossom - 03000 411555

Samphire - 03000 420882

Sunflower - 03000 415858

These hubs provide all different kinds of support to families such as parenting support, financial support, and mental health support. You can arrange a 1:1 appointment to have a chat with a worker about any thing you may need some help with. They will then be able to direct you to the right place for support. You can book these appointments at Buckland or on the contact numbers above.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Claire Yarnley
Family Liaison Officer

Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class 1 - **Laura** is our Learner of the Week in Starfish class. She has been doing some great learning in Maths and Literacy - she has especially enjoyed reading 'The Wet Dog' and writing simple sentences.

Class 2 - Our Learner of the Week in Otters class is **Nevaeh** - she has shown wonderful enthusiasm towards her learning. She has returned to school with a beaming smile every day; she always listens intently and has asked some fantastic questions - well done!

Class 3 - **Gabby** is Puffins Learner of the Week. She has approached her learning with enthusiasm and is always ready to participate - she can always be counted on to share ideas with the class - an excellent start to Puffins Class.

Class 4 - Learner of the Week in Penguins class is **Anita**. She has settled in so well and we are all very proud. She tries her best with every challenge and has produced some amazing writing (using creative language to describe a character).

Class 5 - **George** is our Learner of the Week in Orca class this week as he has been an excellent role model, demonstrating all of our school's Christian values. He has shown good manners and encouragement to his peers - well done!

Class 6 - Noah he has made a fantastic start in Seahorses and is our Learner of the Week this week. The effort he applies to complete his learning is brilliant and his presentation is outstanding. Noah has shown he is ready to learn every day and we couldn't be prouder of him - keep up the good work!



Attendance

Class R - 91.6%

Class 1 - 80.9%

Class 2 - 98.2%

Class 3 - 88.6%

Class 4 - 98.7%

Class 5 - 93.8%

Class 6 - 95.5%

Whole school - 92.5%



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Thought for the Week

Christians use this psalm to help them to think about what worship is. What do you think it teaches them?



Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

PSALM 100:1-4



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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<https://twitter.com/stmarysdover>

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - Week 2
Week beginning Mon 13th Sept
£2.33 per day

Follow the link below to view the menu:

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=979&type=pdf>

To pay for your meals online, please go to:

www.principals-catering.com

