

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021

## A Message from Ms Comfort

We continue to be so lucky with the weather – it's such a joy to see the children outside in the fresh air enjoying our extensive school grounds.

Drop-off and collection arrangements continue to work well because you are all so supportive of what we ask of you; thank you!

Reception Class children stayed for lunch this week and will be with us full time from Monday. Despite being so young they are managing really well with school and are enjoying getting to know their class mates and the staff.

In the meantime, our oldest pupils have certainly made a splash at the new sports centre at Whitfield this week! Class 6 started their twice weekly swimming lessons travelling by coach from school – that in itself is cause for excitement! You may have seen the picture of them leaving school which was posted to our social media accounts this week? The behaviour and attitude of all of the children at the pool has been exemplary and the swimming teachers are working hard to help them all achieve the end of Key Stage 2 standard of being able to swim 25metres and perform a self-rescue. Class 6 families might like to build on this enthusiasm and, if possible, spend some weekend time at the pool so that the children can practice their skills.

Class 5 will be swimming next term – parent/carers have already been advised. For the moment we need to focus on our oldest pupils as they missed out on swimming last year and the year before due to the pandemic. We may be able to take Classes 3 and 4 this year although that is not yet confirmed.

Singing Collective Worship has returned this term – Mrs Trelfer is working hard with all of the children to remind them of songs which have not been sung for a long time. It is always such a pleasure to hear St Mary's sing. I know I am biased but the children at St Mary's really are the best singers!

### Harvest Festival

Plans are under way for our harvest celebration this year which will take place at Church on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September**. At the moment we are hoping to be able to invite families to be with us for this event so save the date. As you will understand this may have to change depending on local and school COVID-19 infection rates. Children have also produced some harvest themed work this week which will go on display in the windows of the Parish Centre.

### PE Kits

We have had a good number of PE kits in school this week, thank you for your support with this.

I made a slight error in my letter on 1<sup>st</sup> September about PE kits and am sorry for any confusion caused. To confirm, children need a pair of plimsolls and/or trainers, a pair of blue or black shorts – joggers are good also as the winter sets in. With regards T-shirt a plain white T-shirt is what we have always asked for and this is absolutely fine. We are planning to move to team coloured T-shirts during this year so if your child has a plain t-shirt for PE in their team colour that is also fine. A change to coloured T-shirts will be as and when you need a new shirt for your child. We will also ask PMG, our school uniform provider, to have these available for you to purchase.

Happy weekend to you all.

**Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

## Collective Worship at St Mary's

In Collective Worship we explored prayer – we thought about what it is and how we can engage in it. We thought about how each of us can go to a quiet and/or private space to pray – we have places in school in each class and also on the playgrounds for this. We learnt about Jesus withdrawing to pray and wondered about how this time alone in prayer helped him.

For Christians, prayer is a moment to have a conversation with God. Having these conversations keeps their relationship with God strong. In our acts of worship at school we are invited to join in and pray to our God or to just be still and respectful of those around us. At the end of the prayer we are invited to say Amen, which means I agree. Being invited means we have a choice to join in or not.

## Learners of the Week

**Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:**

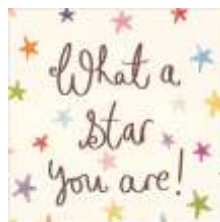
**Class 1** – Starfish Learner of the Week is **Jayden**. In phonics you have wowed everyone with your speedy answers. You amaze us all with your fantastic counting skills - you have worked exceptionally hard - great work!

**Class 2** – **Jessica** is Otter's Learner of the Week as she has been an absolute star! She is helpful, polite and brilliantly behaved. Her class teachers have been amazed at her wonderful counting skills and habitat knowledge!

**Class 3** – Our Learner of the Week in Puffins Class is **Phoebe**. Phoebe has worked very hard in literacy all week showing excellent persuasive skills when writing a letter. She has written some fantastic reasons to the man in the rainforest to convince him not to chop down the trees!

**Class 4** – Penguins Learner of the Week is **Sanad** as he tries his best in everything he does. He has contributed amazingly well in both Literacy and RE - great job, keep up the good work!

**Class 6** – Our Learner of the Week in Seahorses class is **Clare** for her fantastic effort and courage when swimming - we are all so proud!



## Thought for the Week



## A Note from Mr Lamprell

I am delighted with the positive start that all our children have had to this academic year! Classrooms are buzzing with enthusiastic learners - it's lovely to see lots of smiles! I would also like to thank parents/carers, who have welcomed me and are communicating clearly in order for their child to flourish.

Please may I remind drivers to not park on our yellow zig-zagged markings. These markings are there to protect our members of the school community - please be considerate and park safely elsewhere.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



## Attendance

Class R – 90.3%  
Class 1 – 84.4%  
Class 2 – 88.8%  
Class 3 – 88.3%  
**Class 4 – 93.6%**  
Class 5 – 88.2%  
Class 6 – 89.9%

Whole school – 89%

## FAIR PLAY AWARD

1<sup>st</sup> – **TEMPLE** – 171 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> – **LANG** – 170 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> – **RAMSEY** – 168  
4<sup>th</sup> – **FISHER** – 155 points

## GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1<sup>st</sup> – Class 3 – 85 points  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Class 4 – 75 points  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Class 1 & Class 5 – 53 points



**ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE**

**Lunch Menu - Week 3**  
Week beginning Mon 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.principals-catering.com)

### **KS2 Panto**

**Please don't forget to return your panto slip and payment before the deadline of**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September**



**Follow these links to our website and social media**

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

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

<https://twitter.com/stmarysdover>

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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