

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 24th September 2021



A Message from Ms Comfort

Reception Class have completed their first full week at school and they have been brilliant! You may have seen the photographs posted to our social media page. The children also had their picture taken by East Kent Mercury this week as part of their first class feature – we will endeavour to let you know when it is published.

Harvest Celebrations

Further to Mr Lamprell's letter this week, we have decided that we are not, after all, able to have parent/carers join with us for our Harvest Festival celebrations next week. I am sorry to cause any disappointment but as you will understand we have to keep our arrangements under review in light of our COVID-19 risk assessment and infection rates.

The children and staff will still attend Church and celebrate the harvest so do please send items for our collection for the Dover Food Bank – for example squash, tinned sponge pudding, UHT milk, biscuits, instant mashed potato, porridge, noodles or cup-a-soup. We will photograph the children and publish to our social media pages. Hopefully the children will be able to tell you about the service and even give you a sample of the singing!

Artwork and prayers from school are now on display in the window of the Parish Centre – these look great, well done and thank you to staff and children involved.

Oh yes we will or oh no we won't?!!

Huge thanks to all of those Key Stage 2 families who have returned permission slip and monies for the Pantomime trip. We have had a positive response from 60 children so far and need to know about the other 40 in order to make a decision about whether this trip can go ahead.



If you have not yet returned your slip your child will be bringing another letter home today – please complete the slip and return it to school with the monies on Monday 27th September. Your help with this is much appreciated.

Collection Arrangements

Thank you for waiting patiently for your children to be dismissed to you at the end of the day. Now that Reception Class are attending full time we have three classes of parents at the top gate at the end of the day. Please continue to wait in line at the designated gate so that staff can safely send the children to you. On the Key Stage 2 playground please wait until the staff send you your child; do not call your child.

Car Parking

I have received complaints from parents about inconsiderate parking this week – on both Laureston Place and Ashen Tree Lane. Do not park on the pavements – these need to be kept clear for those who are walking their children to and from school. The double yellow lines and zig zags are also not to be parked on.

We have vouchers which enable you to park for free in Woolcomber Street car park (please ask the school office if you need one) or you can park for one hour in St James Retail and Leisure Park for free. We are fortunate to have these free parking options so close to school – please make use of them.

Thank you for your support with these important safeguarding matters regarding collection and parking.

All Change

The main corridor display boards have been changed this week. Children in all classes have worked on the theme 'It's good to be me' for these boards. The displays will be photographed and posted on our social media pages so that you can enjoy them too.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Collective Worship at St Mary's

We explored friendship in Collective Worship this week. We thought about how to be a good friend and learnt about the friendship between Jonathan and David in 1 Samuel 20.

On Friday Mr Venning and Class 5 presented in our Collective Worship on the theme of 'It's good to be me'. The children shared their thoughts and singing with us all.

Thought for the Week

1 Samuel 20, verse 42

Jonathan Said To David, "Go In Peace, For We Have Sworn Friendship With Each Other In The Name Of The Lord , Saying, 'The Lord Is Witness Between You And Me, And Between Your Descendants And My Descendants Forever.' "

ATTENDANCE

Class R – 83.9%

Class 1 – 87%

Class 2 – 81.6%

Class 3 – 91.2%

Class 4 – 98.7%

Class 5 – 94.7%

Class 6 – 81.8%

Whole school – 88.4%



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:

Class 2 – Aiden B is Otters Learner of the Week as he always listens and loves to challenge himself. He has impressed us with his ability to recognise numbers pictorially and then sequence them! He has also absorbed amazing facts about minibests and microhabitats in Science

Class 3 – Learner of the Week in Puffins class is **Zain** for having a positive attitude towards learning. Zain contributing brilliantly in class discussions and his knowledge of rainforests is fantastic - well done!

Class 4 – Our Learner of the Week in Penguins class is **Maisey-Jai**. She has produced some amazing literacy work this week, being able to edit and improve using as a dictionary. She has demonstrated natural ability with the violin - you superstar. We are all very proud!

Class 5 – Alex is Orca's Learner of the Week as he has shown amazing effort and attitude towards his learning. He has been particularly excited about our Literacy lesson on adverbs, stating, "I love this lesson!". Well done for an excellent week!

Class 6 – Jessica is Seahorses Learner of the Week. She has had a super week and has produced an informative and well-presented non-chronological report. She is always smiling and is a valued member of our class!



Go with the Flo...

Happy Friday!

It has been lovely speaking to you this week and even seeing a few of you face to face. Thank you for taking the time to contact me.

I wanted to share the work Live Well Kent do with you this week. They can help with services that support in all different areas of life - from employment and housing support to mental health and social support.

They have great resources across the county and are used by a large number of people. Information can be found at

- <https://livewellkent.org.uk/in-your-area/south-kent-coast/>

As always, if there is anything I can do to help your child or your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Wishing you all a lovely, sunny, weekend.

Miss Claire Yarnley – Family Liaison Officer

FAIR PLAY AWARD

1st **LANG & RAMSEY** – 115 points

2nd – **FISHER** – 104 points

3rd – **TEMPLE** – 103 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – **Class 3** – 125 point

2nd – **Class R** – 98 points

3rd – **Class 4** – 78 points

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - Week 1
Week beginning Mon 27th 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

The week ahead...

Monday 27th September

- Pantomime reply deadline

Tuesday 28th September

- Class 6 swimming

Wednesday 29th September

- Class 6 swimming

Thursday 30th September

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Friday 1st October

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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**.

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>

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. They should get a Covid test.

The rest of the household do not need to isolate **IF** they are under the age of 18 years 6 months or have been double vaccinated – please note this important change. It is recommended that contacts of a confirmed case do undertake a PCR test.

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

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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