

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Friday, 1st October 2021



A Message from Ms Comfort

The weather has certainly changed this week – having been so spoilt with such a warm September, October has certainly brought a change of season!



Harvest Celebrations

Huge thanks to all families with supporting us for our collection for Dover Foodbank this week. The children and staff enjoyed visiting Church and placing these items on the altar. Our Harvest Festival programme included readings and songs and we all thoroughly enjoyed being together and celebrating in this way.

Oh yes we shall!

Further to last week's newsletter I am very pleased to say that we have had an overwhelmingly positive response to our plan to visit the Marlowe Theatre with KS2 in December to see the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

As a result we are able to go ahead with this trip – further details will be sent to you nearer the time.

Dover BESMART

Blue Lang led us in our fundraising efforts today with plenty of silly socks to be seen across the school. Certificates have been presented to the boy and girl from each class with the silliest socks. Dawn and Laura visited us in our celebration assembly – as they are undertaking a sponsored silence today they used lots of mime and written signs!

Have a good weekend everyone.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Thought for the Week



Collective Worship at St Mary's

Collective Worship was focused around Harvest Festival - the children celebrated this event at St Mary's Church.

A range of songs were delightfully sung and activities shared - including 'The Story of Bread'. The children explored Harvest Gifts and the importance of looking after others in our community - the children used the following verses to help us reflect:

Give and it will be given to you. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you (Luke 6:38); But let justice flow like a river. Let goodness flow like a never-ending stream (Amos 5:24).

In addition, Revd. Melissa read a Harvest Bible passage, which invited the children to reflect and be grateful for what we have.



Learners of the Week

Congratulations go to the following Learners of the Week:



Class R - Amelia is Turtles Learner of the Week as she comes into school every day with a smile on her face ready to learn. Her confidence is growing and she is a delight to have in class. This week she has enjoyed sorting and matching objects in maths, and playing in the role play area with friends!

Class 1 - Zante is our Starfish Learner of the Week as he has tried really hard in all areas of the curriculum, giving Ms Craig, Mrs Salter and Mrs Trelfer some interesting answers in his maths, comparing size of numbers. He is a whizz at sound bingo and was able to make a cloud in a jam jar on Thursday. Well done Zante!

Class 2 - Paignton is Otters Learner of the Week for the wonderful attitude she has shown towards her learning, in particular, her writing. She is always keen to learn in every subject and she has impressed us this week with knowing how animals are suited to their environments. Well done Paignton - we are extremely proud of you!

Class 3 - Emily is Puffins Learner of the Week because she has amazed us with her writing in Literacy. She has shown confidence and has worked hard to include imaginative vocabulary and amazing adjectives in her writing. Well done Emily!

Class 4 - Pasha-Mai has been a superstar this week and is Penguins Learner of the Week. She has had a positive attitude to her learning and has tried her best in every lesson. Pasha-Mai has made fantastic progress in maths and is now amazing at ordering and comparing numbers! Keep up the good work Pasha-Mai!

Class 5 - Orca Learner of the Week is Isebelle as she is a fantastic example of our school values, particularly perseverance. She has been her usual conscientious self in the face of adversity this week and continues to try her best in everything she does. Well done Isebelle!

ATTENDANCE

Class R – 83.2%

Class 1 – 86%

Class 2 – 91.4%

Class 3 – 89.2%

Class 4 – 92.3%

Class 5 – 95.8%

Class 6 – 88.7%

Whole school – 89.5%



Go with the Flo...

Happy Friday to all our wonderful St Mary's families.

The rain may continue all weekend but I hope that doesn't stop you making memories and taking time to recharge.

Wishing you all a joyful weekend.

Remember...



Miss Claire Yarnley - Family Liaison Officer

Silly Socks

Winners of our Silly Socks competition are:

Year R - Adrian & Niamh

Year 1 - Brian W & Paisley

Year 2 - Aidan R & Nevaeh

Year 3 - Leo & Maria

Year 4 - Keatyn & Chase

Year 5 - Max & Chloe G

Year 6 - Ethan & Elizabeth

We raised a massive
£101.50 for Dover smART
Project!

Well done everyone!!



FAIR PLAY AWARD

1st FISHER – 191 points

2nd – LANG – 186 points

3rd – RAMSEY – 169 points

4th – TEMPLE – 155 points



GOLDEN MANNER POINTS

1st – Class 4 – 180 points

2nd – Class 5 – 140 points

3rd – Class 1 – 79 points

ALL MEALS MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE

Lunch Menu - Week 2
Week beginning Mon 4th October

£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 4th October

Tuesday 5th October
Class 6 swimming

Wednesday 6th October
Class 6 swimming

Thursday 7th October

Friday 8th October

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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