

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary

Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 27th March 2020



Message from the Headteacher

So ends a week which none of us could ever have anticipated. Like so many others I am sure, I continue to reel from the way in which our school community has been separated, thank goodness for modern technology which is enabling us to maintain virtual contact!

We were open on Monday to care for the children of critical workers with just a very few members of staff. The children completed the work set by the class teachers which I know many of you have been working on at home. Since Monday all parents have been able to make alternative childcare arrangements which I thank you for so school has been closed completely. If you need to make contact please email on office@stmarysprimary.net or you can get hold of me on headteacher@stmarysprimary.net.

Please don't let home learning cause stress or disharmony in your family – protecting everyone's wellbeing is more important than anything else at the moment. Be realistic about how much time you or your child can spend on this at the moment – make the most of the lovely weather and, if you have one, get out into the garden!

Helen Comfort.

Class 1

Message from the Class Teacher

Hello Sharks class,

I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well. It has been strange to not see your smiling faces in the morning and welcome you to the beginning of your school day. However, I'm sure you are all enjoying the opportunity to spend extra time with your nearest and dearest during this period of home learning.

I hope you've had a chance to try some of the activities I have set you for this week and have had fun whilst doing so. Although I miss your angelic voices I have enjoyed the peace and quiet to do extra reading, I have also been using my measuring skills to bake some bread and struggled to keep up with Joe Wicks during PE which has made me feel old and unfit.

In addition to the work and activities I have set you I hope you have been able to explore other learning opportunities and have been able to get outdoors for some fresh air. Perhaps you've been on a walk to go rainbow spotting? Or maybe you've created your own rainbow to display in your window to cheer up passersby? I've been working on providing more activities and learning for next week so look out for that and enjoy your weekend.

Warm regards, Mr Andrew Venning.

Thought for the Week

A prayer from Rev Melissa Carter
Loving God,
Help me to trust that your love will never fail.
When I see beauty in your world, I see your love.
When I fall you are always there, ready to catch me.
You created me and watch over me and those I love.
You are my guiding light and you will never leave me.
Amen

Useful Weblinks

Twinkl have provided this timetable to help structure your day
<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/home-learning-hub>

See wildlife from around the world on the Explore live streaming web cams <https://explore.org/livecams>

The Week Ahead!

Week Commencing 30th March 2020

With only three days to go before the Easter break I have planned more practical activities for your home learning. I would like you to be in charge of your own learning as well. Easter is an exciting time of year so come up with your own fun and creative ideas to fill your time.

Thursday 2nd April – beginning of the Easter Holiday.