

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary

Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net) or you can get hold of me on [headteacher@stmarysprimary.net](mailto: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.

## Message from the Class Teacher

### Class 4

What strange times we are living in! I know that many of you are struggling with teaching your children at home. Just do what you can and follow this advice from the Paediatric Mental Health Association.

'Cuddle up together and read, read, read. Take turns reading. Read them your favourite novel, do a puzzle, build a fort. Bake. Watch TV together. Paint. Get out the Lego and build together. Set up a tent in your living room and camp out. Look at photos of when you were a child. In other words. Don't stress about them forgetting. Don't stress about school. Just spend time together. Your children won't learn much if they're feeling stressed. Though this is a scary time, it could very well be a time they remember as the best time in their life.'

Hang in there! See you on the other side of this.

Mrs Sandy Muller

## 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

David Walliams

<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/whats-on/news/david-walliams-to-read-mid-morning-story-224369/>

Edinburgh zoo online cam

<https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/panda-cam/>

## The Week Ahead!

Week Commencing 30<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Natasha Lamb is teaching children British sign language online. What a useful skill to learn. Give it a go.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rR2Zb7TbiOA>

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – beginning of the Easter Holiday.