

# 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.

## Class 6

## Message from the Class Teacher

I hope this finds you all safe and well. We all know how hard it is to stay at home all of the time, but it will not be forever. It was very strange knowing school was closed and I missed welcoming you at the door and starting our day as usual. I am busy finding work for you to do at home to continue your learning journey and to keep you busy as you stay at home and do your schoolwork together as a family.

I hope many of you were able to make the iceberg in science last week, did you find it floated? or did it sink? How much was above the water? Can you imagine it on a larger scale with the Titanic alongside it? It must have been terrifying. What did you think of Treasure Island? It is a story I am not very familiar with, so I enjoyed listening to it and thinking of activities that could go with it.

I hope you are exercising with Joe Wicks in the mornings and finding time to do some yoga – this will keep you fit. I have been watching Joe every morning and, in the afternoons, I have been out walking with my family in the lovely sunshine. There are new lambs playing in the fields – it made me think of playtimes – although lambs are quieter!

Mrs Debra Berbiers

## 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 is reading a story every day at 11 am.  
<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>  
The Daily 10 on Topmarks Maths is a great way to warm up your maths brains  
<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>  
Listen to a story  
<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen> (I have listened to Winnie the Pooh – it was great)

## The Week Ahead!

These will make you smile  
<https://explore.org/livecams>

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

Only three days' work to do this week before we break for Easter. I have revisited some of our grammar lessons and I am looking forward to seeing you use them in your writing tasks. I hope you enjoyed the maths last week, if you want to do more you could look at another year group and have a go at those – after you have done the ones I have set you. I have included some Easter activities and I encourage you to go outside and play, draw or even study whenever you can! Stay home and enjoy your Easter.

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