

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.

Message from the Class Teacher

Reception Class

Hello Turtles,

It has been very strange not to be at the main door to meet and greet you this week and walk you round to the classroom. I hope that you have had a safe week and had the chance to try some of the activities set for the week. My favourite activity was the chance to learn about some of the animals we see in spring and then create a piece of spring artwork. I enjoyed taking part in this activity too and decided to draw a picture of the daffodils sitting on my window ledge. I know when we were in class last we also enjoyed talking about new things we could try during our time at home, for example trying a new food. I'm going to learn how to say different words in different languages and I look forward to sharing a new language with you each week. Can you start or try something new? I'd love to hear about it (sam.riley@stmarysprimary.net).

I wish you good health during this time and will be thinking of you all. Kind regards, Miss Sam Riley

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

If you want to relax and stretch!

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Why not go to the zoo and watch the different animals on webcam. What animals can you see?

<https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/>

The Week Ahead!

Week Commencing 30th March 2020

With only 3 days to go until the Easter Break I have created some fun packed activities for you to try. My favourite is designing an egg ready for Easter. Our next Topic will be 'Growing', where we can share stories about Jasper and his Beanstalk, Oliver's Fruit Salad and Vegetables and The Very Hungry Caterpillar. Do you have any more activities or ideas linked to our Growing topic that you would like to do? Let me know, thank you.

Thursday 2nd April – beginning of the Easter Holiday.