

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary

Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020



## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers and Children,

Thank you to all those of you who have made contact with staff during this week. I would like to thank, in particular, those of you who have raised queries and shared comments about the home learning published on the school website. As time progresses and more resources become available to us I hope you feel we are making this more accessible to you all. The BBC Bitesize lessons can be accessed on a television via the red button; these will help to alleviate issues you may have regarding hardware and internet availability. As I hope you all now know we do not expect you to print work set.

If you are starting to run out of space in your child's workbook you can use a book/paper you already have at home or you are able to buy. If you need a book from school please email on [office@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net) and we will make arrangements for you to collect or have it delivered.

That being said, 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!

I expect you are aware of speculation in the media about schools fully re-opening, to date there is no confirmation about when this will be.

I wish you all well as this week ends and look forward to continuing to hear about how you are all managing in these difficult times.

**Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

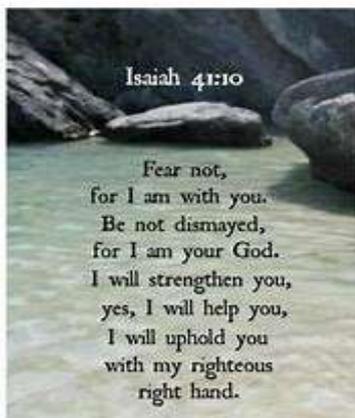
## Message from the Class Teacher

Hello Dolphins

I hope that you had a restful Easter break and managed to sing the Hot Cross Bunny Song to everyone in your house. You can certainly see the signs of spring and New Life. I hope that the seeds you planted in class are now beginning to sprout. If you remember we planted 3 types of herbs in the pots. When we closed I took them home to look after. Only one of them is growing, the chives. I am remembering to water them and will send a picture to you soon.

This week I hope you have enjoyed getting to grips with fractions that are the same (equivalent fractions) so if someone says 'Would you like 2/4 of a pizza?' You will know you are going to have a 1/2 of a pizza and that's okay. I am hoping your art works of taking a line for a walk are looking very colourful. You could also draw a rainbow and put in your window. A rainbow always makes me smile. Don't forget you can always send me a picture or talk to me at [alison.trelfer@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:alison.trelfer@stmarysprimary.net) It was great to talk to some of you before Easter and help you with your home learning. Take Care. Continue to wash your hands carefully and remember if you are outside to put on sun cream and enjoy the sunshine safely.

## Thought for the Week



## Useful Weblinks

If you want to feel calm and look at some beautiful pictures go to this website. The spring pictures and cherry blossoms are really pretty. <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/spring-into-our-collections>

If you go to Michael Rosen's YouTube channel you will catch his best poems. They always make me smile. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7D-mXO4kk-XWvH6lBXdrPw>

## The Week Ahead!

### Week Commencing 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020

If we were at school this week we would have been visiting the castle on Tuesday. I would have made you walk up the steep hill and we would have had a fantastic time. Look out because we are still going to go. Tuesday will be the day that we have some fun learning all about castles. Have a great week and don't forget you can email at any time to say hello and catch up with me. You can do this at [alison.trelfer@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:alison.trelfer@stmarysprimary.net)