

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary

Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 24th 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 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.

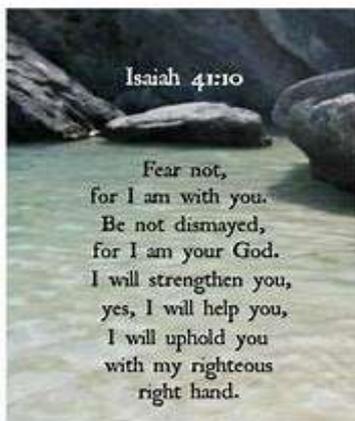
Message from the Class Teacher

It's been a strange few weeks but, hopefully, we are all a little more used to our situation. I hope that your children have been enjoying the tasks that they have been set for learning and you and your children are making the most of your time together. We have had glorious weather for the past few days – long may it continue. We all wish we could be at the local parks and beaches making full use of the weather. However, stay at home and stay safe.

A thought for the days ahead:

Look how much you've already managed to adapt to. Look how resilient you've already been. There's no 'right' way to respond to this because it's never happened before. Give yourself some credit. There's no-one in the whole world who has this figured out yet. So It's absolutely okay if you don't either.

Thought for the Week



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 27th April 2020

28 April: World Veterinary Day

Perhaps you would like to find out what a vet does and why they are so important. Have a look at the video and see what some vets say about their jobs.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KEpk3rU4RGM>