

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary

Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020



## Message from the Headteacher

Children's voices in classrooms and on the playgrounds this week has been a most welcome sound. The fact that a 'school' describes the people, not the building, has never been more apparent than in the last couple of months.

Children, staff and parents have settled well into the new routines. I thank you all for everything that you are doing to support us and your child; be that dropping off and collecting at specific times, communicating via email/telephone; supporting your child with their home learning or giving the staff a smile and thumbs up!

Mrs Trelfer has enjoyed using modern technology and has led class Collective Worship this week via Zoom with her face beamed into the classrooms. The children have enjoyed this connection with her and appreciated her singing!

No doubt you will have heard on the news this week that the Government does not believe the conditions are right for primary schools to expand further the number of children on site. Guidance has not yet been published to Headteachers; when it has I will be in a better position to clarify with you what this means for children in Years 2-5. For the time being home learning continues as currently and we are laying down plans for a return in the autumn which will best support all children and families.

As always, do please keep in touch via email/telephone and thank you for your ongoing support.

**Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher**

## Message from the Class Teacher

Hello Sharks class,

It's been my first proper week back at school this week; it has been really heartening to hear children's voices and see the fun and learning happening in the building. It has been a unique opportunity for both myself and the children, who have returned to Year One; having fewer children means that I'm able to dedicate greater focus and support to each of them and get to know them a bit better.

For those of you that have not returned yet, I'm hoping that you are still keeping busy and I look forward to seeing more of you back at school soon. I also understand the decision not to return yet, if that is what you choose. Keep smiling, stay safe and enjoy your learning for the coming week.

Warm regards, Mr Venning.

## Thought for the Week

As we have just celebrated Trinity Sunday, Rev Melissa Carter from the Dover Town Team Ministry has kindly suggested the following passage from the Bible as this week's Thought for the Week:

'I pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will bless you and be kind to you. May God bless you with his love and may the Holy Spirit join all your hearts together'  
2 Corinthians 13:11 (CEV)



## Useful Weblinks

I'm focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths this week, otherwise known as STEM. If your child has a particular interest in any of these subjects, or you just want to further support their learning, there are some very useful resources on the STEM learning site -

<https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning/primary>.

## The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020

It will be my first full week back at school with children attending. Last week went well, and I'm looking forward to the opportunity to further progress the learning for all children, and particularly focus on pushing on those children that I do get to see in school. It's quite a full week in terms of the learning, don't worry if you struggle to complete everything. I just want to give a fair reflection of what is happening in school. Have a great weekend and I look forward to getting back to work Monday.