

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary

Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 5th June 2020



Message from the Headteacher

As this week draws to a close we are finalising preparations for the phased return to school next week of some of the children.

I have communicated separately with the parents of those in Classes R, 1 and 6 who will be sending their children back and also with those who do not feel ready to do so at the moment.

Childcare for children in other year groups who have parents who are key workers continues.

Please be aware that all teachers and teaching assistants who are able to be at work will now be at school every day caring for and/or teaching the children who are here. Contact by teachers with families of children not at school will continue, however, responses will not be as swift as previously and may be later in the day once the children have gone home; please bear with us about this matter which will be kept under review.

Home-learning continues for all children in all classes who remain at home; this can be accessed on the school website as previously. We look forward to continuing to work with you all in whatever context that may be!

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

Message from the Class Teacher

Hello Sharks class,

I hope you enjoyed your half term break and have returned to your learning fresh and energised this week. We've had some very pleasant weather recently and with the easing of restrictions some of you may have spent more time outside. Please remember that if you are going out and are likely to see the public, it's important to stay safe and follow all the advice about social distancing.

I've had an exciting week at home this week as Oscar has just begun to take his first steps. I feel like it won't be long before he is running round the house and I'm chasing after him. Enjoy your weekend, make sure you take time to relax and have fun, I know I will.

I know some of you are returning to school next week and I'm looking forward to hearing about all the exciting activities and learning you have been doing, however if you are not coming back just yet remember you can still keep me updated by email at:

andrew.matheson-venning@stmarysprimary.net.

Best wishes, Mr Andrew Matheson-Venning

Thought for the Week

Jesus said 'My Father will send the helper, the Holy Spirit to you. The Holy Spirit will teach you and remind you of the things I have said. Now I give you my peace, don't be worried or afraid'
(John 14:26-27)

Useful Weblinks

ELSA support is a website that offers support for children's emotional needs, they have just posted this great resource to help children feel positive about returning to school

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/back-to-school-after-coronavirus-story/>

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 8th June 2020

From next week more of you will be able to return to school and I am really looking forward to seeing you and catching up with everything you have been doing. For those of you that choose not to return don't worry, we will all see each other soon when the time is right. Home learning will be continuing for those of you who do not come back to school and you may notice it being a bit different, that's because from now on I'll be making it as similar to what we're doing in school as I can.