

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary

Learning for life with God as our guide

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 12th 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 Dolphins,

I hope you have had a wonderful week despite the weather becoming a little colder and wetter. Mrs Trelfer has told me all about the learning you have done previously and it is truly impressive. I am thoroughly enjoying planning, alongside Mrs Trelfer, the Home Learning for Year 2, as it is different to teaching Year 6. I really enjoy teaching Topic/History in particular, so if you would like to share any work with us (or even on the Facebook page), we'd love to see it.

As you are already aware, we have welcomed back some of our Year R, 1 and 6 pupils. Things are very different here at the moment but they are enjoying their time with us. It has been announced that years 2, 3, 4 and 5 will not be returning until after the Summer Holidays. This means that we will continue to provide 'Home Learning' for you for the rest of this academic year, try your best and do what you can!

As well as completing the Home Learning set by us, we'd love to hear about the other things you have been doing/learning about, such as cooking, planting flowers, building, cleaning (car), hitting a ball 10 times on a tennis racket, skipping etc. – anything new that you are proud of.

I am able to respond to emails Wed-Fri (emma.fagg@stmarysprimary.net), yet please feel free to contact Mrs Trelfer Mon-Tues.

I look forward to hearing about your learning. Stay safe and take care. Continue to enjoy your family time! 😊

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

Fingers crossed that we continue to have good weather:

<https://www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/30DaysWild>

<https://www.ltl.org.uk/free-resources/>

What toilet roll craft do you like?

<https://www.worthwritingfor.com/toilet-paper-roll-crafts-for-kids/>

The Week Ahead! - Week commencing 15th June 2020

I'm hoping the weather will warm up soon so that we can be outdoors as much as possible. Enjoy the home learning – if you want to do additional activities – we'd love to see them. If you have any queries or would like ideas for additional tasks to extend learning even further please do not hesitate to contact. Have a lovely week! 😊