

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

Dear Puffins,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

I have enjoyed the home learning tasks this week. I especially enjoyed practising my times tables and finding out why bees are attracted to flowers. It has made me want to plant some more in my garden! What was your favourite activity this week?

As you may already know, some children have started to come back to school in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. These children are pleased to be back at school and have been completing lots of the same activities that you have been doing at home. School is very different at the moment; however, we are all doing our best to keep everyone safe.

Stay safe and keep smiling! **Miss Sayer**

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

This website takes you to an illustration competition for J K Rowling's new book 'The Ickabog'.

If you enter a drawing you have the chance to be published in her book!

<https://www.theickabog.com/home/>

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 15th June 2020

Next week you will be practising your addition and subtraction skills for Maths. In Science you will be finding out what plants need to grow and learning about Mountains in Geography. There are lots of fantastic drawing tutorials on the Art for Kids Hub for your art activity. Enjoy!