

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 Turtles!

As you will know, some children have returned to school this week and what a busy week it's been. Although things are different, we've had lots of fun playing together and have enjoyed lots of fresh air outside too. For those of you still learning at home, I hope you have all enjoyed this week's chilly activities! At school, we particularly liked creating our own boats using the junk modelling and we also loved exploring the ice and polar animals. Please continue to share your home learning with me, I love seeing what you have all been up to and I hope to see more of you again soon.

Take care ☺

Miss Sam Riley

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

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 15th June 2020

Next week we will explore different modes of transport and our focus story will be the 'Naughty Bus' by Jan Oke.