

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Dolphins Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021



## A Message from Ms Comfort

The main message I want to give to everyone this week is thank you and well done. As well as juggling childcare, home schooling and working from home, we have families facing all sorts of other challenges.

I hope you are all feeling supported by the school in all that you are managing at the moment; we are trying hard to give a personalised approach to each of our families in recognition of the many different circumstances you find yourselves in. I hope that weekly telephone calls and daily email contact with the teaching staff are proving helpful to you, if you find the time do please let me know.

If you need any resources – exercise books, paper, pens, pencils etc – do please contact the school office to arrange collection. Similarly, do please let the school know if you are not able to access the home learning; we are only too happy to help.

I wish you all a safe weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

## A Message from Mr Venning

Hello Dolphins Class,

What a wet and windy week we have had, I hope you didn't get blown away in storm Christoph. Speaking of being blown away, the quality of home learning continues to be excellent and I am continually impressed with how well you are doing with your home learning. Please keep sending me your home learning photos as they help brighten my day particularly as I currently get to see so few of you.

I hope you have enjoyed your learning this week, as you may know we have a student teacher with us at the moment, Miss Brown. Miss Brown has been helping me with the planning and has planned some of the activities you did in the past week.

I wonder what your favourite activity was? I really liked the art activity, a great way to get creative with some left over materials that might otherwise be wasted.

Having worked hard all week, I hope you have a great weekend. Stay safe, stay well, keep smiling.

Warm regards, Mr Venning.

## Useful Weblinks

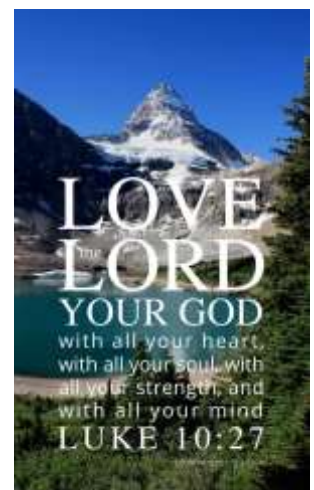
It has to be the virtual library by the Oak National Academy

<https://library.thenational.academy>

This is a recently launched resource and it provides excellent reading opportunities for home learning.

There promises to be much more to follow in the coming weeks so well worth keeping an eye on.

## Thought for the Week



## Collective Worship

Collective worship this week has been centered around the story of The Good Samaritan. Luke 10 verses 25-37. We discussed what our neighbours look like in our school, town and around the world. Completing small acts of kindness is a fantastic way to make a difference to someone's life

## Prayer

My heart was made for love



My words speak with compassion



My eyes see a chance for me to make a difference to someone



So everyone knows they belong and no one feels alone



### Free Online Courses for Families

Kent Adult Education is pleased to announce an expansion to their catalogue of free, online courses aimed at families. Follow the link to details of the courses, which are intended to be fun, boost learning and help to provide a bit of variety. Adults can book themselves on at any time.

### Coronavirus Symptoms

Children or staff with any of the three symptoms of Covid:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss or change to your sense of taste or smell

are to **stay at home** and isolate, as must the rest of their household. They should get a Covid test.

Children and staff must also stay at home and isolate if a member of their household has any of these symptoms until the outcome of a Covid test is known, and follow advice accordingly.

If your child has attended school for childcare and tests positive for Covid you must immediately inform the school – by telephone on 01304 206887 during the school day. If you get a positive result at the weekend, during the evening or in a school holiday please email [office@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net)

To get a test go online to:

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://nhs.uk/coronavirus)

OR

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

OR

Telephone 111

## My Mum 2021

The KM group normally work closely with schools to produce their My Mum publication - with classes sending in drawings from the children. This year they have had to change their approach to this with so many children currently home schooling. Instead, they are asking parents to help children submit pictures direct to their website at [www.kmmymum.co.uk](http://www.kmmymum.co.uk)

Children can add their own special message to their mum, and the pictures will appear in time for Mother's Day in newspapers week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please see attached flyer from The KM Group.

## The Week Ahead

### Week Commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

First of all the most important news, it's my birthday on Monday, yay for me! Now that's out of the way, for your learning there is a bit of a change in plan in Literacy. We will continue to focus on The Great Fire of London for just a bit longer before moving on to poetry. In Maths we will look at division which will draw on your learning about grouping and sharing that you have been doing. In addition there's lots of topic work to look forward to, continuing your learning from previous weeks. Enjoy your weekend and keep up the good work.

## Coronavirus - Keeping School Informed

Thank you to those parents who have continued to contact us to let us know if their child has symptoms of Covid and are awaiting a test and then advising the result of the test, either negative or positive.

Please could all parents and carers continue to do so, even if the child is not attending school, as we are required to report information daily to the DfE on the number of suspected and confirmed cases (just the number, no names).

Also could parents let us know each day, using the usual [office@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:office@stmarysprimary.net) email, if a pupil is ill and unable to do the set work just as you would if we were open as normal so we can make the teachers aware they will not receive any completed work that day from your child/ren. Thank you for your help with these important matters.

As always, please don't hesitate to make contact via email or telephone with any queries, comments or concerns you may have.

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