

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Orca Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 22nd January 2021

A Message from Ms Comfort 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 Mrs Muller

We are almost at the end of January, and what a January it has been! I hope that you are all keeping well and that you have the support you need in all areas of your lives.

If you have ever sung 'Auld Lang Syne' at New Year, you have been singing a song written by the famous Scottish poet Robert Burns. We celebrate his special day on 25 January each year and I have included some links at the bottom of the page to encourage the children to learn about Robert Burns and have a go at writing their own poems. Please send me some pictures of any poems as I would love to see them.

Make sure to try the art activities weblink; there are wonderful ideas to create some super art on this link.

Stay safe

Mrs Muller

Useful Weblinks

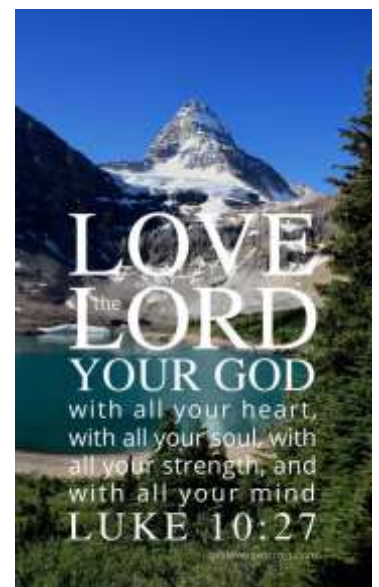
The science of having fun

<https://www.funology.com/>

Fabulous art activities

<https://www.artjohn.co.uk/>

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.

<https://www.kentadulteducation.co.uk/course-areas/family-courses/>

The Week Ahead

Week Commencing Monday 25th January 2021

25th January - Robert Burns Day

Learn about Robert Burns and have a go at writing your own poem

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qMxIBqpryG0>

How to write a poem

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mSjAjAy2ts4>



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

To get a test go online to:

nhs.uk/coronavirus

OR

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

OR

Telephone 111

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 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.

Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

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