

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Seahorse 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 Miss Loges

Hello Year Six!

I hope you have had a great week and enjoyed the home learning activities. What was your favourite? I really enjoyed reading some of your non-chronological reports about the

heart and seeing your beautifully presented posters comparing renewable and non-renewable energy. They were amazing!

Did you manage to try out Miss Berman's starters this week? I enjoyed working out the value of the burgers and completing the decimal pyramids. I wonder how you found them?

If you have any questions, please let me know and I will be more than happy to help.

I always love seeing your home learning so please continue sending me photographs – it brightens my day!

Stay safe and keep smiling. You are all superstars and I am so proud of you.

Miss Loges 😊

## Useful Weblinks

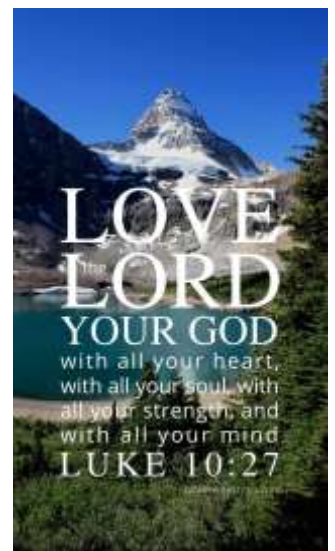
Take a look at the zoo cam! It is great seeing all the animals:

[Live Cams | San Diego Zoo](#)

[Edinburgh Zoo Live Panda cam | Edinburgh Zoo](#)

Practise your times tables by playing some of these games:

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Next week, you will be practising your percentage skills in Maths whilst recapping prior learning with the starters set for you by Miss Berman. In Literacy, you will be reporters! You are going to be writing a newspaper article all about the first ever heart transplant using a pig heart! In the afternoons, there is a supermarket category challenge, a recycled art project and even a game of PE bingo! I am looking forward to it all!

Have a wonderful weekend. You have been working hard this week!

## 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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## 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

Follow this link to our website

<https://www.st-marys-dover.kent.sch.uk/>