

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Starfish Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 22nd 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 Mrs Fagg & Ms Craig

Hello Starfish,

I hope you have had a good week, despite Storm Christoph. We hope you are enjoying your home learning and want to thank all of you for sending us pictures of your work. Here at school, we are all missing seeing you and the photos you send in make us smile. It's lovely to see you sending us in pictures of your long walks, alongside your learning, getting some fresh air if you are able to, is very good for you.

A big thank you to all the parents and Grandparents who are working hard to support all this fabulous home learning. If you haven't sent us your learning yet it's not too late to start – we would love to see your work next week.

We wish all of Starfish class a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing your pictures and learning next week. Stay safe and take care.

Monday - Tuesday: daisy.craig@stmarysprimary.net

Wednesday - Friday: emma.fagg@stmarysprimary.net

Useful Weblinks

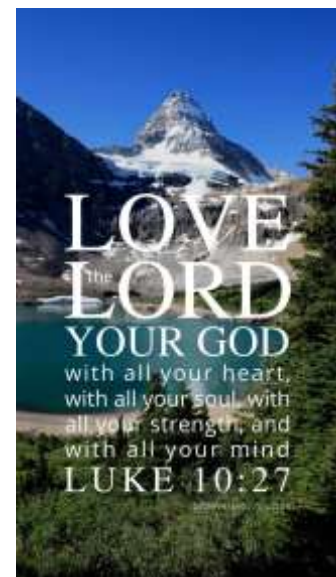
Galaxy pugs - can you help the Galaxy pugs learn about the world around us:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zdp4382/articles/zn7bscw>

Linking to our season's topic from last term: Can you complete the Go-Jettters Winter jigsaw puzzle.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/puzzles/go-jettters-winter-jigsaw-game>

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



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

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 8th March. Please see attached flyer from The KM Group.

The Week Ahead

Week Commencing Monday 25th January 2021

Next week, look out for the gratitude tree for our mindfulness work. At home I am going to make one with my children too – I hope to share a picture of mine in one of our daily emails next week – so look out for this!



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/>

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.

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