

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Dolphins Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 5th February 2021



A Message from Ms Comfort

The sun is shining, the weekend is upon us and we are due to enter the last week of this term on Monday. I continue to be immensely proud of all of the children, families and staff who have been trying their very best throughout this challenging term and I thank you all.

'Wonderful Wednesday' has proved popular with many of you, I am glad that it has helped families to manage the challenges of the week. We will be continuing with this next week and after half term.

Welcome to the Week Videos

I have asked the teaching staff to each produce a video of themselves talking to the children and families and outlining elements of the learning for the week. The teachers have all done a great job in producing these and I hope you and the children enjoy hearing and seeing them and feel motivated to do some of the activities talked about. It is intended that these will be produced each week during the lockdown and you can find them on the school website alongside the planning for the week.

Thank you for your continued support; as always please do make contact if you have any queries, concerns or comments. Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort

A Message from Mr Venning

Hello Dolphins Class,

I hope you have had a great week and have enjoyed your home learning. I have had some great feedback about Wonderful Wednesday and I think that has been an instant hit. I'm so pleased that you are able to take some time out from learning and just enjoy doing fun activities and spend time with your family.

I have been busy this week helping to welcome a new member of our class, and I look forward to introducing you all when the time comes for us to return to school. I know he is excited about meeting you.

It was great to see so many photos of your work this week and in particular the activities that you came up with for Wonderful Wednesday. Please do continue to send these to me. Have a great weekend.

Warm regards,

Mr Venning

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Snow

The weather forecast for this area on Sunday is currently heavy snow and high winds.

Whilst we often miss out on weather fronts on this edge of Kent it is sensible to be prepared!

If we are in a situation where the school is not able to be open you will be notified by text – this notification will only be relevant to those of you who have children booked in for childcare.

We will endeavour to make this decision on Sunday – if it does snow – so that you are well informed before Monday morning.

If you hear nothing on Sunday then assume school is open as usual however please be aware that there may be Monday morning notification of closure depending on what happens overnight.

Thank you for your understanding.

Collective Worship

It has been wonderful this week to explore the story of Zaccheus from Luke 19 1-10. It has helped us focus on getting back on track if things do go wrong but we can always turn it around and make a fresh start. We can change our minds and say sorry. We can make it right and we can make it better.

Thought for the Week



Useful Weblinks

TED-Ed is a great website to spark ideas and curiosity. It has lessons for all ages on a wide variety of subjects. You do not need any membership to use TED-Ed, but you can sign up for free if you choose to. The lessons are easily sorted by age range and subject, as well as other filters.

Try TED-Ed through this link:

<https://ed.ted.com>

and learn something new today



The Week Ahead

Week Commencing Monday 8th February 2021

It's the final week before half term and we're finishing off with some poetry. You will be focusing on performing poems for the coming week as we learn about two specific types of poems - Free Verse and Acrostic.



In Maths we continue to focus on data and charts, with more work on tally charts and pictograms. And in the afternoon we're finishing off our topics for this term.



Don't forget to take time to read including the reading comprehension that I send every week. Lots to look forward to. Enjoy your week of learning before a well-earned half term break.



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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