

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Penguins Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Miss Sayer

Hello Penguins,

I hope you are all safe and well.

I have been so pleased to receive so many pictures from you all this week! It really has been lovely to see your amazing work and to hear some of your fantastic singing.

Lots of you took part in our Wonderful Wednesday this week and I can see you had lots of fun! I saw pictures of baking, drawing, painting, den building, singing and much more! In school we made silky, soft playdough and created some masterpieces with paint and black markers. We really enjoyed ourselves 😊

There are lots of fun activities in store for you next week, please remember to send some pictures of your work. I am looking forward to seeing your achievements!

Stay safe and keep smiling 😊

**Miss Sayer**

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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

Here is a great link to learn how to sign your emotions in Makaton. This is a brilliant new skill to learn!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EfrJriE5Hwg>



## The Week Ahead - Week Commencing Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Next week, you are going to be trying some new breathing exercises during your thinking time each day. These are great to relax your body and mind after a hard day's work.



You will also have the opportunity to learn some more about The Romans, and to further your knowledge of materials in Science.

I hope you enjoy! 😊



## 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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Follow this link to our website

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

## 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