

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Dolphins Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 12th February 2021



A Message from Ms Comfort

Brrrr!

Very many thanks to all involved in managing the effects of Storm Darcy this week. I am sure that many of the children will have enjoyed playing in the snow – parent/carers too I imagine! Hopefully we will have a much more settled week weather-wise when we return to school after the half term break.

Keeping in Touch

The videos, which each teacher presented this week, have been well met by families and I am pleased to say that these will continue during Lockdown.

Resting our Eyes

The staff and children at school have enjoyed 'Wonderful Wednesday' again this week and I hope those of you at home have also. We will continue with this approach after half term.

Half Term Break

We break for half term today so there will be no home learning set for next week.

Term 4

Term 4 begins on **Monday 22nd February**. Children booked in for childcare will attend school while all others are to complete home learning which, as you know, is posted to the school website.

During the week beginning 1st March all classes will be undertaking work around the theme of reading and books in support of World Book Day on 4th March – look out for the variety of activities planned for this week.

At the time of writing it is possible – although not yet definite – that all (or some) children will return to school on Monday 8th March. The Prime Minister is due to make an announcement regarding this on 22nd February.

Track and Trace

If your child has been attending school for childcare, and tests positive for Covid during the half term break, please notify the school on **office@stmarysprimary.net** so that we can undertake the required tracking and tracing.

Wishing you all a good weekend and half term break.

Ms Helen Comfort - Executive Headteacher

A Message from Mr Venning

Hello Dolphins Class,

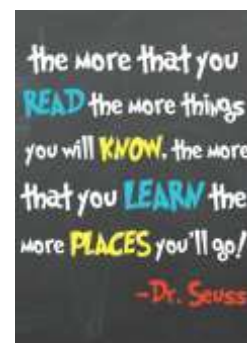
A rather unusual week this week as we have been lampooned by the weather, with the school closed for several days. It is very rare for us to experience such heavy snow in this part of the world and although it can be disruptive, it can also bring great joy. I hope like myself you were able to get out in the snow and play with your family. Perhaps you built a snowman, went sledding or had a snowball fight? I saw many photos of you enjoying yourself out in the snow, so I'm glad you made the most of it.

I know some of the planned learning may have taken a bit of a back seat this week, but I have seen some great work from many of you, so well done for keeping focussed and managing to get some work done.

Well done for all your hard work - not just this week, but the whole term. I wish you a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Warm regards, Mr Venning

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Useful Weblinks

The Natural History Museum has a wealth of learning opportunities on their website, but perhaps the highlight is the 'try this at home' section which provides lots of ideas and activities to support home learning. Check out some of the resources here:

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/take-part/try-this-at-home.html>



Collective Worship

This week during assembly we have looked at Lent and how Jesus was tempted. We had to resist being tempted ourselves by chocolate. We have to ask God to help us to resist temptation. We need to stay calm, think carefully and say no to it.

In half term we will be celebrating Pancake Day and Ash Wednesday. Please use this link to watch Rebecca and celebrate with her.

<https://youtu.be/L3eznTkXxG0>

The Week Ahead Week Commencing Monday 22nd February 2021

For me it's been a busy week of organising for after half term, but now we all have a well-earned rest. I hope you enjoy your week off and make the most of the time to focus on yourselves and your family fun times.

Remember there are lots of activities on the Wonderful Wednesday plan that you can try out in half term, so it is well worth looking at that on the school website for ideas. I hope you are looking forward to all the learning I have planned for you when you return, but for now recharge, refresh and have fun.

Thought for the Week

'God of Love,
may I be compassionate as you are
compassionate,
and generous as you are generous.
Through me, may others know of your
love'

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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