

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



## Starfish Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> March all classes will be undertaking work around the theme of reading and books in support of World Book Day on 4<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Prime Minister is due to make an announcement regarding this on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 Mrs Fagg & Ms Craig

Hello Starfish,

We hope that you are well and have had a great week! ☺ What a week it has been – we cannot believe how much snow we have had! The school had to completely close for 3 days, but we hope you all had lots of fun playing in the snow – making snowmen, snow angels and lots of snow balls! We even made an erupting snow volcano!

Did you enjoy the home learning? Mrs Fagg's favourite lesson was Maths, she really enjoyed exploring the bigger numbers to 50. Ms Craig's favourite lesson was Literacy – writing about the adventures of Pip and Posy. Miss Wilk's (our student teacher) favourite lesson was science – especially the materials song and finding different materials around the house.

It looks like you had another 'Wonderful Wednesday' – we loved seeing all of the lovely activities you have done with your families. A big thank you for sharing your pictures with us! ☺

It is now Half Term – time for a much-deserved rest! You have worked so hard and should be proud of yourselves. We hope to find out soon when school can reopen, but home learning will continue for at least, the first 2 weeks of next term. Lots more exciting activities planned for you for next term. Stay safe and take care. Enjoy your family time! ☺

**Mrs Fagg & Ms Craig**

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## 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>



## 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’



## The Week Ahead Week Commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021



Next term, we will be exploring the story - ‘The Rainbow Fish’. We are going to continue to practice recognising and knowing our numbers to 50. In Science, you are going to explore your senses, and in Topic, we are going to explore the United Kingdom and the countries within!



You will also continue to have ‘Wonderful Wednesdays’! Enjoy the home learning! If you have any queries or would like ideas for additional tasks to extend learning even further please do not hesitate to contact. Have a lovely week off! We will speak again next term!



Mrs Fagg and Ms Craig ☺

## Useful Weblinks

Some rainy day activities:

<https://www.personalcreations.com/blog/20-fun-games-play-rainy-day>

Indoor scavenger hunt:

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/105342078774269755/>

Frozen art:

<http://www.learnplayimagine.com/2013/07/frozen-art-for-kids.html>

## 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

## 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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