

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Puffins 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 Miss Roberts

Hi Puffins!

We have arrived at half-term! A huge thank you to parents and children for taking the time to engage with the home learning tasks each week. I know that it has not always been easy but I am so grateful for your continued support and engagement when it comes to home learning. I am so proud of each and every one of you for all of your amazing work!

This week especially, has been a very different week for us because of the snow! I hope that you all have had an opportunity to get outside and have some fun in the snow! I felt so happy to see lots of photos from many of you building snowmen, sledding and having fun with your families, so thank you for taking the time to share those with me! I hope you have a happy and safe half-term.



Miss Roberts - beth.roberts@stmarysprimary.net

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/L3eznTkXxGo>

Useful Weblinks

Learn all about the Chinese New Year, which begins today by clicking the link below!
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[Chinese New Year \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Chinese-New-Year)



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 22nd February 2021

I am really looking forward to our class topic next term, Stone Age to Iron Age! During the first week back, we will be learning about the Stone Age. In our history lessons you will be having a look at what life was like during the Stone Age period, and in art you will be exploring how people used cave paintings during the Stone Age before creating your own Stone Age drawings.

We will also be learning about the Stone Age in literacy as well! We will be gathering facts about Stonehenge to help us produce our own report, we will need to complete some research to help us gather some facts! To take a virtual tour of Stonehenge please use this link:



[Stonehenge Virtual Tour - Inside The Stones | English Heritage \(english-heritage.org.uk\)](https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/inside-the-stones/)

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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