

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Penguins 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** 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 Sayer

Hello Penguins,

I hope you are safe and well 😊

We have reached the end of Term 3! And what a strange term it has been! I am so proud of the work you have completed this term. You have all been amazing and I have loved receiving pictures and videos of what you have achieved.

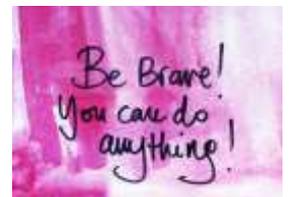
It has also been fantastic to see lots of your smiley faces playing in the snow this week! I have seen some amazing snowmen, snow angels, some very skilful sledging and even some of your furry pals enjoying the snow!

As it is half term next week, I will not be setting you any learning. We will begin Term 4 on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 and I have lots of interesting learning planned for you to start the new term with a bang!

But for now, I hope you have a great half term and I look forward to the start of a new term 😊

Stay safe and keep smiling!

Miss Sayer - [asayer@stmarysprimary.net](mailto:asayer@stmarysprimary.net)



## Useful Weblinks

Chester Zoo have been hosting virtual zoo days during the Covid 19 pandemic. They have lots of videos of their previous zoo days to watch over half term. 😊

<https://www.chesterzoo.org/virtual-zoo-2/>



## 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’



During the first week of Term 4, you will be thinking about the ways in which we can help our world in PSHE.

In French you will be furthering your vocabulary, thinking about your favourite food and drink.



You have lots of new activities to have a go at in Literacy and some fun art tasks too.

Enjoy! 😊

## 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://www.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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