

# Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



## Orca 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 Muller

I hope that you have enjoyed your short break from home learning and are looking forward to being in school soon. I know that we, at school, are all very excited about seeing all of you when we re-open.

We are starting new themes for science and topic this term and it is important that you follow the lessons during home learning, as these lessons will introduce the children to the new themes which we will continue in the classroom during the term.

Fortunately, we still have Wonderful Wednesdays which will give you and your child a well-deserved break. If you are using the paper packs please pop into school to collect them and remember to return them at the end of the week.

Regards

**Sandy Muller**

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### 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

We begin our Extreme Earth topic learning about the devastation that a tornado can cause.

Watch this clip to see how they are formed:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aacHWOB7cmY>

Our space theme is going to be amazing.  
Watch this link to learn about spherical bodies:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0OeJSzp1SGE>



### Useful Weblinks

Fun activity to learn about plants and their systems

<https://web.extension.illinois.edu/gpe/gpe.html>

Hours of fun with animal games

<https://www.switchzoo.com/>



### 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>

### 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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