

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Penguins Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 26th February 2021



A Message from Ms Comfort

Good News!

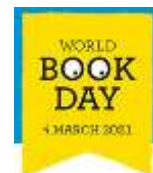
I expect that you will know that the Prime Minister announced this week measures to begin easing the lockdown, starting with a full return of all children to school on Monday 8th March. I am very pleased that schools will be fully re-opening at that time and am very much looking forward to welcoming all pupils and families back.

Our Covid-safe Risk Assessment has been reviewed in line with the latest published Government guidance, and our control measures will remain virtually the same. The routines that you and your children are used to will feel familiar and have proved to be successful. I will write to you again next week to remind you of the timings for drop-off and collection, what your child can bring to school, arrangements for contact with staff etc etc.

In the meantime you may feel a search at home is needed for school uniform, school shoes and PE kit as well as water bottles and packed lunch boxes!

World Book Day - 4th March

We are pleased to be celebrating World Book day on Thursday 4th March and during the week. Please look out for information from Mrs Trelfer and on the class planning for the week.



Have a good weekend everyone; enjoy the sunshine!

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

A Message from Miss Sayer

Hello Penguins,

I hope you are all safe and well 😊

I am so pleased to hear the news that we can all come back to school together soon! It will be so lovely to have you all in the classroom again. I understand that some of you might be a little bit nervous about coming back to school after such a long time at home, but please do not worry, we will be doing lots of handwashing to keep ourselves safe, just like we did before.

I have really enjoyed seeing the work that you have completed this week. Lots of you have been trying super hard with your learning, which makes me so proud of you! Thank you for sending in photos of what you have been up to, please continue to do this during our last week of home learning next week.

It looks like we are going to be having some lovely weather this weekend, it will be great to get outside for some walks in the fresh air!

Stay safe and keep smiling 😊 Miss Sayer

Useful Weblinks

This link will take you to the World Book Day website. There are lots of activities, competitions, audio books and games that you might like to have a look at:

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

Free Adult Education Classes

Kent Adult Education are offering free family learning courses.

To find out more about the huge variety of courses available, and to book your place, please visit their website at:

<https://www.kentadulteducation.co.uk/course-areas/family-courses/>

Collective Worship at St Mary's

Over half term, you will have enjoyed pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, followed by Ash Wednesday. Traditionally people "give up" something for Lent but this year we are trying to encourage everyone to "take up" something. This could be as small as cleaning your teeth before your parent or Carer asks you.

This week we are continuing our journey through Lent by exploring the story of creation. We have focused on light, water, land and plants and creatures of the sea and sky. We have praised God for these wonderful creations and taken the time to consider what we can do to help make the earth a better place.

World Book Day - Thursday 4th March 2021

On Monday 8th March your child will bring home their World Book Token. This year's books include:



Please visit the World Book Day website Frequently Asked Questions page for more information about redeeming your voucher during lockdown:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/about-us/frequently-asked-questions/>

Staff next week will be planning some book type activities with the children in school and including activities for Wonderful Wednesday for Home Learning.

Due to Lockdown restrictions, we have made the decision to have a 'Grand Dressing Up Day' later in the year, once all children are all back in school and you have safe access to shops to purchase costumes or materials to make a costume.

Please keep your eyes peeled for this information. Happy Reading!

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

Thought for the Week



The Week Ahead

Week Commencing Monday 1st March 2021

Next week, we are going to be celebrating World Book Day! This is on Thursday 4th March. You will have the opportunity to read or listen to some audio books and then create your own characters or front cover for the book!

You will also be finding out about a famous Scientist and creating a poster about the effects of Global Warming, to advise others on how to live a greener life! Have fun 😊



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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