

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Dolphins 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 Mr Venning

Hello Dolphins Class,

I hope you enjoyed your week off and have come back this week full of learning energy.

It has been a very positive week for myself as I have spent a lot more time in school this week. I was also pleased about the news confirming the return to school on Monday 8th March and I look forward to seeing you all then.

How have you done with your learning this week? I have seen some great photos of your writing; a famous, piano playing bear seems to have really caught your imagination. I'm glad as I really like the book 'The Bear and the Piano', and I look forward to reading it to you in person soon. Not long to go now, but in the meantime have a great weekend.

Warm regards, **Mr Venning**
andrew.matheson-venning@stmarysprimary.net

Useful Weblinks

DK Find Out is a colourful learning hub covering 14 subjects. It contains a wealth of learning opportunities for children. Although DK Find Out is aimed at more confident readers, it is great for looking through together with your child. Check out this great website through this link:

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>

Thought for the Week



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.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk/course-areas/family-courses/>



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

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.

The Week Ahead

Week Commencing Monday 1st March 2021

One last week of home learning and we continue with much of the work we started last week. That means there's more writing linked to 'The Bear and the Piano', more work on 2D and 3D shapes in Maths, and we continue to learn about the different topics we started last week for Science, Geography and Art.

There is also the excitement of World Book Day on Thursday. I know it is unfortunate we can't celebrate this in school but there are plans to link to this later in the year when you are all back. For now, I would like you to use Thursday to really reflect on your favourite books and take time to read and enjoy them. I have also planned a writing lesson about your favourite book so lots to look forward to.

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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