

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide



Puffins Class Weekly Newsletter

Friday, 5th March 2021

A Message from Ms Comfort

Full School Re-opening 8th March

As this week draws to a close I wonder how you are all feeling. I imagine there may well be some 'first day of the school year' nerves in some households – for children and staff! This is completely understandable however I am sure once we are all up and here on Monday morning everyone will be pleased to settle back into our familiar routines and will enjoy reconnecting with those who we have not seen for a couple of months.



Please do refer to the information letter sent out this morning with all of the details for the full re-opening of school on Monday.

Staff News

Many of you will know Mrs Amanda Punton, our Family Liaison Officer. She has worked at St Mary's for 12 years supporting parents, children and staff.

Some of you may also know that Mrs Punton has been working over the last year or so to establish a business, which she has been running with her sister. As the business has grown, Mrs Punton has decided there are not enough hours in the day to do both jobs! As a result she will be leaving St Mary's at the end of this term. I know this has been a really hard decision for Amanda as she feels so attached to the families and staff at St Mary's and has enjoyed her time here immensely.

I know you will all join me in thanking Mrs Punton for her dedication to St Mary's over so many years and will wish her well in her exciting new venture.

School Roof

Please be aware that we have a team of roofers working on site at the moment. The Diocese have funded a complete new roof for the school – this project started last month and is due to finish at the beginning of May. There is scaffolding around much of the building, although all pathways and fire exits remain in use. To date we have experienced no problems with this work other than it being a bit noisy at times!

Rapid Coronavirus (COVID-19) testing

Household members of primary age children are eligible to access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. Tests are fast, easy and free. You can order home test kits online [Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#) or you can collect from a home test kit collection point [Find your nearest home test kit collection point](#). Please note that these tests are for **adults within the family, not the children**.

Wishing you all a good weekend.

Ms Helen Comfort – Executive Headteacher

A Message from Miss Roberts

Hi Puffins,

Well what another busy week of home learning we have had! This week in literacy we have created non-chronological reports all about Stonehenge. I have read some fantastic pieces of writing and I have really enjoyed reading all of the amazing facts that you have gathered. Well done!

Well done for all of your hard work and perseverance with home learning over the past term, I am so proud of all of your hard work when it comes to your learning. You have all been absolute superstars! I cannot wait to welcome you all back on **Monday 8th March**!



Have a fantastic weekend!

Miss Roberts - beth.roberts@stmarysprimary.net

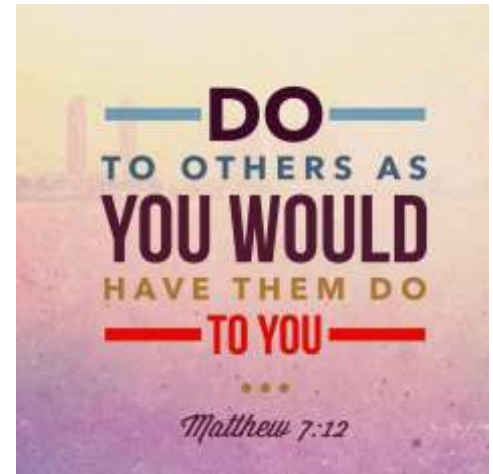
Useful Weblinks

The link below will take you to the BBC Bitesize website where you will find lots of fun and interactive learning games. I particularly enjoyed playing the Defenders of Mathematica!

[Primary games - BBC Bitesize](#)



Thought for the Week



Collective Worship at St Mary's

We have been learning about Fairtrade this week and the impact that it has on the farmers and workers. We have explored what the world would look like if everyone shared.

We discovered that our behaviours have a huge impact on those around us.



The Week Ahead

Week Commencing Monday 8th March 2021

I am so pleased to be welcoming you all back into school from Monday 8th March. We will be finishing our length and perimeter unit of work in maths as well as starting some new and exciting learning in literacy. There is lots to look forward to and I have planned some fun and creative things for us to do as a class to welcome everyone in Puffins Class back!



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 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



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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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