

Dover St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Learning for life with God as our guide

Dolphins 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 Mr Venning

Hello Dolphins Class,

I hope you have enjoyed this final week of home learning. I have really enjoyed being back in school and doing a bit more teaching. I am really looking forward to seeing you all next week and getting back into the swing of our normal lessons.

This week marked World Book Day, what did you do to celebrate? I'd love to hear about any books you have read, so please remember and let me know when you are back in school. We have been doing a lot of talk about books in school for the children still attending and I am really pleased about the enthusiasm for reading I have seen.

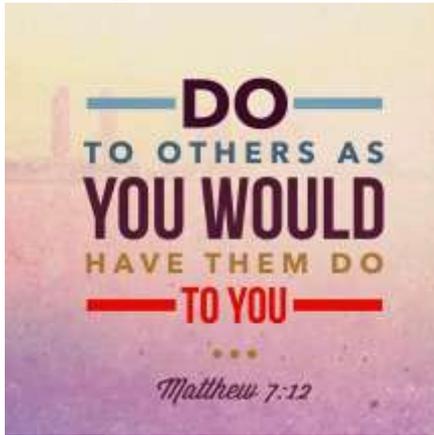
I look forward to seeing you very soon. Have a great weekend.

Warm regards, Mr Venning

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Thought for the Week



Useful Weblinks

For my final website recommendation, I would like you to check out 'Ask Dr. Universe':

<https://askdruniverse.wsu.edu/about/>

This is a child friendly website, which allows you to answer any of your weird and wonderful questions you have about anything in the universe.



The Week Ahead

Week Commencing Monday 8th March 2021

Lots to look forward to next week. We are looking at a new book and continuing learning about shapes. We will also continue with some of the topics you started with your home learning. I know it will be so much better teaching you and seeing your work in person though, and I'm really excited to see your response to the lessons I have planned.



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.



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](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus)

OR

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

OR

Telephone 111



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AND BE SWEET
ON THE INSIDE

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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