



Weekly Newsletter Friday, 24th April 2020

Dear Parent/Carers and Children,

Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to all those of you who have made contact with staff during this week. I would like to thank, in particular, those of you who have raised queries and shared comments about the home learning published on the school website. As time progresses and more resources become available to us I hope you feel we are making this more accessible to you all. The BBC bitesize lessons can be accessed on a television via the red button; these will help to alleviate issues you may have regarding hardware and internet availability. As I hope you all now know we do not expect you to print work set.

If you are starting to run out of space in your child's workbook you can use a book/paper you already have at home or you are able to buy. In addition, we shall be making additional workbooks available from Monday, 27th April. If you live in the village and are out for your daily exercise you can collect books from a box by the green shed on the main drive between 10am and 2pm. Help yourself to what you need, please do not come further onto the school site. If you live outside the village and are not able to use a book from home let us know, via email to secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk, and we will endeavour to deliver/post to you.

I expect you are aware of speculation in the media about schools fully re-opening, to date there is no confirmation about when this will be. We continue to have a handful of children at school on a daily basis and are working hard to maintain social distancing within this arrangement.

I wish you all well as this week ends and look forward to continuing to hear about how you are all managing in these difficult times.

Helen Comfort

Message from the Class 1 Teacher

Hello Everyone! I am missing you all very much and think of you and your families often. Thank you to all those who have emailed to tell me about their time at home. It is so nice to hear from you. You have been learning so much as a family. But what your messages and photographs have shown me most is the wonderful relationships you have with your family. You are so special in keeping them feeling happy and loved. Some of you are a brothers or sisters – helping and playing with one another. Treasure this extra time together. Others of you are getting ready to be a big brother or sister for the first time. I am so excited for you. I can't wait to see you all again soon. Keep in touch. It is good to hear how you have been.

Kirsty Lewis

Well Being

We are including some links this week which are tips for parents/carers to support children with anxiety. They are suggestions by Dr Pooky Knightsmith, a leading children's [Mental Health Educator, Speaker, Author & Advisor](#).

[Anxiety: 6 ways to make life more manageable](#) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zkr6XzrZhc8&feature=youtu.be>
[4 ideas for supporting a child with anxiety](#) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VbMUMFxi40&feature=youtu.be>

Do of course contact us if you would like any more support with wellbeing and anxiety.

Useful Weblinks

www.phonicsplay.co.uk

Username: march2020 password: home

<https://collins.co.uk/pages/support-learning-at-home>

user name: parents@harpercollins.co.uk
password: Parents20!

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/year-1/>

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

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 27th April 2020

This week we will be writing our own Zog stories and planning for our castles we will be building. We will revise our phonics learning and read together at 'Book Club' and use Big Cat Collins ebooks. These books are colour banded like in school, so you will be able to find the books best suited to your child. In maths we will explore fractions. In geography we will go on a leaf hunt and in History we will find out about Queen Elizabeth I. Some of our activities will include calling a family member or friend and we will be making family 'Wishes' jars.

You may like to explore the BBC Bitesize iplayer Daily Lessons. The iplayer programme and linked activities support you if you have children 5-7 as they can carry out their learning and activities together.

