



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

Dear Class 5,

Message from the Class 5 Teacher

Hope you all had an enjoyable Easter. You have all been working so thoughtfully completing your work at home. Well done to all of you. Please remember that the work is a guide, you do not need to do every single task or print the worksheets, use your Home learning books to present your learning. Did you enjoy the picture on Pobble for Wednesday's tasks? I thought Jim Bridger's fire description of embers was extremely clever. We have been challenged to a battle of times tables with TTRockstars next week. Let's rise to this challenge and improve our tables to legend status! Have you been following the morning workouts with Joe Wicks? I think they are such a good way to begin the day. I am really enjoying them too. I have included some videos from BBC Bitesize in next week's learning which will get you really thinking about your learning. I would like to say many, many thanks for all your emails over the last couple of weeks. Wishing you all the very best. Miss you all.

Keep well and stay safe.

Mr Oliver

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.pobble365.com/
www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/
www.twinkl.co.uk
www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons> www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10
www.ttrockstars.com/

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 27th April 2020

Have fun finding out what life was like for Ancient Greeks. Explore how different materials have very different properties and enjoy listening to David Walliams read some of his favourite stories each day. Remember to join Joe Wicks every morning for his workout at 9am. Get creative by sketching and colouring. Remember to listen to some calming music when you have time out each day for a little relaxing mindfulness. Help with chores around the home too. Take care, Mr Oliver

