



Weekly Newsletter Friday, 1st May 2020

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/Carers and Children,

Keeping in Touch!

As our time apart continues we are working to increase the ways in which we are keeping in touch with you. Teachers have begun to make telephone contact with families this week. This is just to say hello and to catch up with how you are. Please do continue to email the staff with any queries, concerns or comments you have. Mrs Wallis has chosen the book 'The Boy Who Grew Dragons' which she would have presented in our weekly story assembly this term. Not to be defeated, however, she has filmed this at home and Chapter 1 is now on our school facebook page; do have a look.

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Margarets-at-Cliffe-Community-Primary-School-139549382890289/>

It would be lovely to post some pictures of the work the children are doing on the school social media pages. Please do email me on headteacher@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk with photographs that you (and your child) are happy to have shared and I will upload these.

Meanwhile the teachers have been using video conferencing to hold our weekly staff meeting. We have enjoyed the babies and teenagers as well as dogs joining in, the views of each other's homes and the opportunity to 'be in the same place' together.

Please do all that you can to keep in touch with us; we are missing you all and looking forward to a time (yet to be announced) when we can safely be back together.

Helen Comfort

Message from the Class 5 Teacher

Dear Class 5,

Next week is a special week because we are going to be celebrating VE Day on Friday with a special Holiday. I have heard that lots of you are being really helpful at home and enjoying being creative. Have you posted a rainbow in your window to thank the amazing NHS? 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. I have included in the home learning this week additional activities for those of you who would like to challenge yourself even further. We also have a tables battle with Class 4 in TTRockstars. Let's rise to this challenge and improve our tables to legend status! I am still enjoying the morning workouts with Joe Wicks and I hope you are too. I would like to say many thanks for all your emails. Wishing you all the very best.

Miss you all loads. Keep well and stay safe.

Mr Oliver

Well Being

Some children like the structure which the routine of school day gives them – it helps them feel more secure, and can reduce anxiety. To help establish routines have you tried: Creating your own home-schooling rules? Creating and using your own visual timetable? Including time for life and social skills? Developing rewards and motivators? Establishing a work station? If home-learning time is becoming a battle, please don't worry too much about how much learning time you're managing to have at home. If you are having any particular issues - we are here for you; email your class teacher who can direct you to further advice if needed. Most of all, try to enjoy this extra time together and use it to try activities which are fun for everyone. We hope your home-schooling journey is varied, interesting and enjoyable!

Useful Weblinks

www.pobble365.com/

www.worldofdavidwalliams

www.Twinkl.co.uk

www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons> www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10

www.trockstars

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 4th May 2020

Friday 8th May – VE Bank Holiday

Have fun finding out what Ancient Greeks enjoyed eating. Explore how to separate different materials. Enjoy listening to a story from BBC 500 words or perhaps try David Walliams reading 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 relaxing music when you take time out each day for a little relaxing mindfulness. Join in watching on TV some of the many celebrations planned for VE Day this Friday and of course remember to help with chores around the home too. Take care, Mr Oliver

