



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### Message from the Headteacher

We have been pleased to welcome a few more children back to school this week into our Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 6 groups (known as bubbles) and more will be joining us from Monday.

The children have settled well into the new routines and are working hard at their learning and enjoying time with the staff and their class-mates all whilst keeping themselves safe.

We are running eight bubbles – two for each of the year groups permitted to attend and two for critical worker children. We are using all available staff and space and therefore, whilst running these bubbles, do not have capacity for other year groups to return.

The Government and Kent guidance is clear regarding priority – we are required to make provision for critical worker and vulnerable children first, then Year R, 1 and 6 in that order. Whilst I very much hope this will not have to happen, were we to get to the point of exceeding capacity in the bubbles in the order as laid out above we would have to close bubbles – starting with Y6 - to accommodate the need. We are keeping a close eye on numbers and as you know attendance is by pre-booking so we do know in advance who is due to attend and can manage this accordingly.

#### **Home Learning**

With just four and a half weeks of this school year left before the long summer holiday it is important that, if your child is not at school for whatever reason, they are now completing the home learning set by the teachers. As you know this is on the school website. If you are having trouble accessing the learning then you need to email your class teacher who will work to help you. If you need another exercise book for your child to write in then you can collect from the open shed by the playground gate between 10am and 2pm any school day.

Over and above everything else the most important thing you can do to support your child is to make sure they are keeping up with their reading. Re-read books at home, order books online or download E-books from Kent Libraries. If you are not already a library member you will be given a temporary membership number which is valid for 3 months (this period may be extended depending on the national situation regarding coronavirus). Follow this link to find out more <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/ebooks-eaudiobooks-emagazines-ewspapers>

As always thank you for your ongoing support in these challenging times. Please do share your concerns and worries and I will be happy to address these to the best of my ability.

**Helen Comfort**





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### Message from the Class 5 Teacher

Dear Class 5

Thank you for sharing with me some of the work that you have completed at home this week. Do keep sending this in. I do enjoy reading your work. Please continue to work hard and try to do everything we are planning for you each day. Again this week there are some additional activities for you to complete, if you are entering the Kent and Dover Grammar School tests in September these tasks are especially important for you.

You are all doing a super job at home and don't forget I am here for you via the email if you have any questions. I am also available to speak to you between 3.15 and 4pm in the afternoon, if you would like a phone conversation, contact me via the email in the first instance. Keep well and stay safe.

Mr Oliver

### Well Being

Some more links this week to support worries you may be having:  
[FAMILY LIVES](#) – if you're finding it hard at home with your child and struggling to cope. Free, confidential advice is available: 0808 800 2222.

[NSPCC](#) – if you're concerned about the safety of another child in our community: 0808 800 5000. Call 999 if you believe a child is in immediate danger.

[INTERNET MATTERS](#) – offer advice and guidance on how to tackle online hate and trolls and how you can support your child.

[FEGANS](#) – have set up a family hub which contains articles and ideas for parents on how to manage family life during lockdown.

### Useful Weblinks

[www.pobble365.com/](http://www.pobble365.com/)

[www.worldofdavidwalliams](http://www.worldofdavidwalliams)

[www.Twinkl.co.uk](http://www.Twinkl.co.uk)

[www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1](https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

[www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10)

[www.ttrockstars](http://www.ttrockstars)

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### The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020

This week we are exploring the life cycle of insects and discovering how animals metamorphose. Have fun listening to some French conversation and take some time to try and improve your sketching skills in our Art clip. Enjoy using the school Purple Mash scheme to develop your skills in coding. Remember to help with those chores around the home.

Stay safe and take care,  
Mr Oliver

