



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 R Teacher

Hello Class R

I am still missing you lots but am so pleased to hear you are all doing the right thing by staying at home and keeping yourself and everybody safe. I am hoping that you are all still singing 'Happy Birthday' (twice) or the alphabet song whilst washing your hands. I've been busy working on providing more fun activities and learning for next week so look out for that and enjoy your weekend in the sunshine with your loved ones. I enjoy seeing what you have been up to so please continue sending me any fabulous work you have completed, keep reading and keep smiling! I am so very proud of you all. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes, Mrs Collins

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=VbMUMFjv40&feature=youtu.be>

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

Useful Weblinks

Early Years Learning Activities
<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/Early-Years.html>

Free Big Cat e-books, which are colour banded
<https://collins.co.uk/pages/big-cat-ebooks>

Listen to audiobooks for free
<https://www.worldbookday.com/world-of-stories/>

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 27th April 2020

Next week we will be reading the story 'The Enormous Turnip'.

In maths we will continue learning the numbers 11 to 20.

