



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 2 Teacher

Hello Class 2 😊,

I hope you all had a lovely relaxing Easter and made the most of the sunshine. Thank you to everyone who is keeping in touch. It's lovely to hear from you, see all the fun things you have been up to and letting me know how you are doing. I have some exciting news! Mr Oliver has sent me a chick update; they have also been making the most of the sunshine in the garden. Look how much they have changed! Please remember to just do as many of the activities that work well with your current family situation and your children. Please do not stress or feel guilty if all the tasks are not completed. Stay safe and keep in touch.

Mrs Geere 😊



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=VbMUMFxjv40&feature=youtu.be>

Useful Weblinks

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

<https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/Primary/ME/MusicExpress.aspx#!/home> - Music Express

<https://play.numbots.com/?#/account/school-login/62224> - play maths games with Numbots (use your Time Tables Rock Stars login).

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 27th April 2020

- We are continuing to explore the Arctic and Polar Bears.
- I have introduced a new website for Mondays maths activity, which has some fun maths games (please use your Time Tables Rock Stars login).
- We have another week of Mindfulness Monday and Fitness Friday.

