



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 4 Teacher

Hope all is going well for you and the family and that you are now starting to get into a little routine. From your e-mails it sounds as if you are managing to have some fun too and enjoying the lovely weather, which is marvellous.

Direct Daily Tasks: read every day, complete 1 Writing Task, paying attention to handwriting, 1 Maths Task and 1 Topic Task.

All the learning completed can be put into your child's 'home book', or a scrap book, if you prefer. We have no objection to the work being done on a computer, if your child has access to one, but there is no need for work to be printed. However, I would like to see a few handwritten pieces in their exercise book please. Let your child be as creative as they like but do continue to encourage them to present their work neatly. Mr Ball and Mrs Norley

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=VbMUMFxfjv40&feature=youtu.be>

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

Useful Weblinks

[Home - BBC Bitesize](#)
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>
www.twinkl.co.uk – code for free access: CVDTWINKLHELPS
www.purplemash.com
www.vocabularyninja.co.uk/premium
<https://ttrockstars.com>
<https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/>

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 27th April 2020

Competitions!

In addition to all of this exciting learning at home, we are holding a handwriting competition! Your child is to copy out a piece of a story or poem in their best handwriting and present it when we get back to school. Also another battle beginning on times table Rockstar's which we hope Class 4 will be competing in. Lots of points to be won!

