



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 1 Teacher

Hello Everyone! I hope you have had a good week together and enjoyed your home learning activities. It has been lovely to read your emails and to see some of the fun you have been having at home. Lots of you are learning and enjoying new skills, such as gardening. Some of you are even helping out with the decorating. Why not visit abcdoes.com this week and try out some of their '50 ideas to try at home'. They look like great fun!

The Big Cat Collins ebooks are a fantastic resource for us to use to keep our children reading. If your child is enjoying this resource please use it regularly.

Kirsty Lewis

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

abcdoes.com/home-learning/
www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/
www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/03/nature-detectives/
<https://wandleenglishhub.org.uk/lettersandsounds/year-1>

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 4th May 2020

Friday 8th May – VE Bank Holiday

This week in English we will be reading, following and writing instructions for no-cook cooking. In phonics we will be following the Letters and Sounds Daily Lessons on you tube. All lessons are introduced by celebrities, including children's TV presenters, which adds an exciting addition to the lessons. In maths we will learning about measuring mass and capacity. In Science we will be thinking about how plants grow. In History we will find out about Queen Elizabeth II. In R.E we will be revising our knowledge about Synagogues. We will also carry out a mindfulness Rainbow activity. We hope you have fun.

