



## Weekly Newsletter Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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**

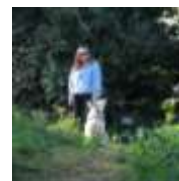
### Message from the Class 2 Teacher

Hello Class 2 😊,

I hope you have had a good week and are all keeping safe and well. I also hope you are keeping busy, having fun at home and enjoying the activities I have set. I have been busy in my garden, walking my dog through the fields and making yummy chocolate brownies.

We may be in isolation but you are not alone. Please remember if you need support or advice email me. Class 2 staff are keeping themselves busy but do not stop thinking of you all!

Mrs Geere 😊



### 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

<https://www.mrmen.com/> - lots of Mr Men activities.

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/> - a website for children to learn and explore new things.

<https://www.afpe.org.uk/physical-education/thisispe-supporting-parents-to-teach-pe-at-home/> - PE lessons and skills taught by PE teachers and coaches.

### The Week Ahead!

**Week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May – VE Bank Holiday**

- We are looking at recipes in English.
- There are some fitness challenges coming up next week that you could do with your family.

