



# 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 3 Teacher

Welcome to May! Well done for all the home learning you have managed at home, whether it is a little or alot! Thank you for sharing. I will try and include as many as I can each week. Mrs Wallis.



Happy Birthday to Jack!



A beautiful sunflower painting



An awesome double page spread!

## 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

[www.authorfy.com](http://www.authorfy.com) – get ready to 'meet' your favourite authors!  
Enjoying the garden? Have a look at these projects for children, created by Gardeners World.  
<https://www.gardenersworld.com/how-to-grow-plants/10-gardening-projects-for-kids/>

## The Week Ahead!

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

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

- We will be using the BBC Bitesize lessons for Maths next week. These are separate to the daily show on BBC IPlayer. Please see the link on the weekly home learning grid.
- To access the English home learning, you will need to register (for free) to the 'Authorfy' website. This site has a wealth of 10-minute challenge videos set by popular authors. I hope you enjoy completing them if you can!

