



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 6 Teacher

Hello Class 6!

Thank you to those who have been keeping in touch via email, it's wonderful to see all of the fantastic learning you are producing at home. It was so lovely to speak to some of you on the phone; those of you who I didn't speak to'll try again when I'm next in school. Once again, the standard of your English this week has been phenomenal – you make incredibly emotional Lady Macbeths! Well done to those of you who have sent me your fossils home learning. Here are some of the photos I've received this week. Many thanks for your continued hard work. Stay safe and have a restful weekend.

Miss Brett



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

Joe Wicks YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1>

Times Table Rock Stars

Purple Mash

BBC daily lessons:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 4th May 2020

Friday 8th May – VE Bank Holiday

Next week we will be continuing with Macbeth – you're going to be writing from the perspective of Lady Macbeth's doctor. In maths we'll be studying ratio and in Science we're looking at inheritance with family tree. (You might wish to begin finding photos of relatives within your family tree. Make sure you have permission to use these photos please. If not, don't worry – you can draw your family members!)

