



Weekly Newsletter Friday, 15th May 2020

Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to those of you who have sent pictures and news for the school facebook page. Do keep these coming; it is good for us all to have this connection.

At the time of writing I am continuing to work with staff to risk assess the measures the Government is asking us to put in place after 1st June. Whilst the Government has sent out information since Tuesday, the Local Authority is still working on guidance; this is due to be with schools next week. You will appreciate there is a great deal of information to assimilate and changes to consider. Health and safety of pupils, staff and families is paramount. I will write to you all again next week when plans have been assessed by the School Governors and I have information to share with you.

In the meantime we continue to provide home learning for all classes and childcare for the children of key workers. Please continue to take care and look after yourselves.

Helen Comfort

Message from the Class 6 Teacher

Dear Class 6,

SATS week is over – but you didn't sit the tests! Even though I

know that you would have done absolutely brilliantly because you've all been fantastic learners this year, I know that some of you will be disappointed that you can't take these tests in order to prove that. I want you to know that even without these tests and these scores, your learning this year has been phenomenal and it continues to be at home. You will still be able to take all of this knowledge with you to secondary school and, though the SATs have been taken away from you, nobody can take away the knowledge you have gained. Without these scores, you will still go on to do well at secondary school; achieving GCSEs, A-levels and university - if that is on your agenda. Without SATs scores, you will still go on to achieve your ambitions and dreams for the future. Remember, SATs don't show what magnificent children you are. There is no SATs test for art, running, netball, sense of humour, creativity, swimming, friendship, kindness, respect, cooking, music or any of the other wonderful skills and qualities that you each possess. I want you to know how proud I am of each and every one of you. The way you have had to adapt to life in lockdown and that you have all done it so well is very impressive. This has been particularly hard for all of you because we didn't know what would happen and whether or not you would return to us here at St Margaret's before you venture off to your secondary schools. After Boris' announcement, I know that lots of you will be feeling unsure about what is to come next. That's OK. I'm feeling unsure too! Whatever does happen in the next few weeks, please know that we at school are working very hard to make sure that we can keep you all as safe as we possibly can. In the meantime, keep enjoying your extra time with your families; talk to your grown-ups if you are feeling anxious. Keep sending me your excellent home learning. Keep safe and keep smiling. 😊

Miss Brett

Well Being

Due to school closures, for a limited period of time Kent Educational Psychology Service are offering free consultations via video/phone call for 30 minutes, where parents/carers can talk to an educational psychologist. Topics or areas that you may wish to discuss could include: Anxiety around the current situation and its impact on your children and family; Supporting your children's emotional needs; Concerns about family relationships; Concerns about friendships, learning, daily structure and sleep routines; How you can best look after yourself to support your children; Preparing for the transition back to school. If you would like to make use of this service, please contact: kepscommunitysupport@kent.gov.uk. When you e-mail, please give: your name; phone number; the time of day that would be most convenient to be called back (i.e. morning, afternoon, early evening); a brief description of what you wish to discuss. They will do their best to respond within two working days but this may be subject to availability.

Useful Weblinks

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/math-s-games>

<https://nrich.maths.org/>

<https://www.mathematics mastery.org/free-resources>

<https://www.sparknotes.com/nofear/shakespeare/macbeth/>

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 18th May 2020

- On Time Table Rockstars, a new exciting battle has been set up for children in Classes 2 to 6. It is Teachers vs children! You have from 9am Monday until 3pm Friday to win the battle. Good luck!
- We will be finishing Macbeth in English, looking at revision of fractions, decimals and percentages in maths and having a French themed topic week in place of Harelol.
- We look forward to seeing your book covers using items you can find at home. We know that they will be very imaginative and creative. Have fun with them!
- Friday 22nd May – Last day of term 5

