



Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 18th September 2020

Message from the Headteacher

Keeping in Touch

The teaching staff have written class newsletters which are now on the school website. They have also produced a Powerpoint Presentation for you in place of the parent/teacher meeting we usually hold at this time of year. These can both be found on the website in the Class Newsletters section within the classes tab and will also be sent to you via Parentmail.

Teaching staff can be contacted by email on the email addresses listed below –

c.class1@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk

c.class2@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk

c.class3@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk

c.class4@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk

c.class5@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk

c.class6@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk

c.classR@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk

If you have an urgent message which needs to be seen during the school day please use the usual office email secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk. You can also request a telephone conversation with your child's class teacher – let the school office staff know that you would like one and they will organise this for you.

Remote Learning

We are finalising our plans regarding make learning available for children if they are not able to come to school because they or someone in their household is isolating due to Covid symptoms. In the meantime, if you need home learning for your child for during the school day please email the class teacher on the address shown above and they will email you some work.

Reading Books

Thank you for returning reading books this week, to remind you books will come home on a Friday, to be returned the following Tuesday. Children with free-reading chapter books can bring these back and forth on a daily basis to read at home and at school until finished. Please note that at this time we would not like children to bring in books from home – if they have a particular book they would like to read which we do not have at school do please let the class-teacher know as we will be happy to purchase some new titles.

Coronavirus Symptoms

We continue to follow the Government guidance which directs schools that children or staff with any of the three symptoms of Covid: a new continuous cough; a fever; a change in taste or smell are to stay at home and isolate, as must the rest of their household. If the person with the symptoms has a Covid test result which is negative they, and the rest of the household, may return to school or work. If you are not able to get a test, or do not wish to, then the child or member of the household with symptoms must stay at home for 10 days and the rest of the family for 14 days. Following this time if they are well they can return to school or work, if still unwell they are to follow health professional advice.

I realise that children are prone to fevers and coughs and that currently the likelihood of them having Covid is low however I ask that you continue to support us with this matter. If the Government guidance for schools and/or testing children changes then we will of course change our approach.

Thank you for your support with this matter, I know it can be frustrating organising a test and not being able to send your child to school. To date all test results for members of our school community have been negative which is, of course, good news.

To get a test go online to www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ or telephone 111.



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Covid-Safe Measures

If you wish to refresh your memory regarding the measures we have in place to make school Covid-safe they can be seen on the school website. Please follow the link below and the document is entitled Control Measures.

<http://www.stmargaretsprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Letters+Sent+Home+2019%2F2020&pid=303>

I have had an enquiry this week about delivery and collection arrangements at the beginning and end of the school day. To reiterate, all children – including Year 6 – are to be brought to school by an adult and collected at the end of the school day by an adult. This is to ensure that the children are assisted with maintaining safe social distancing. I thank you all for your support with this. We have Before School and After School Childcare provision if this helps – contact the school office for details.

Physical Education (PE) ADVANCE INFORMATION

Dominic Castle, our Sports Coach, delivers one PE lesson for each class every week with a further lesson led by the class staff. For term 1 we will continue with children changing just their footwear for PE lessons at school – no other PE kit is needed at the moment. All children need a pair of plimsolls or trainers at school for this purpose.

From the beginning of Term 2 we will trial children wearing PE kit to school on PE days for the whole day; they will not require school uniform to change into. Therefore, from the beginning of Term 2, your child will require their school house T-shirt, a pair of navy blue joggers/tracksuit bottoms and suitable footwear for outside sport – trainers or plimsolls. They are to wear their usual cardigan or jumper on their top half. You have been notified of PE days for your child in the class newsletters or powerpoints.

Please note that children cannot wear earrings for PE lessons so they need to be able to remove these themselves or not wear them to school on PE days.

Helen Comfort

The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu – Week 3

Week commencing 21st September 2020

Monday, 21st September – Reception Class start attending full-time

