



Class 2 Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 15th January 2021

Message from the Headteacher

Home Learning

It has been heartening to see how engaged with home learning the vast majority of our families have been this week: I thank the children and parent/carers for their efforts with this. Our current approach to remote education is to keep the format we are using as straightforward and easy to use as possible for parent/carers and the children, to focus on the basics, to use recorded lessons produced externally which cover the content we want and to give feedback to the children. As with all aspects of our work this approach will be kept under review and is likely to be subject to development. In the meantime please do let us know if you are experiencing difficulties with accessing the home learning and we will do all that we can to assist.

Coronavirus - Keeping School Informed

Thank you to those parents who have continued to contact us to let us know if their child has symptoms of Covid and are awaiting a test and then advising the result of the test either negative or positive. Please could all parents and carers continue to do so, even if the child is not attending school, as we are required to report information daily to the DfE on the number of suspected and confirmed cases (just the number, no names). Also could parents let us know each day, using the usual secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk email, if a pupil is ill and unable to do the set work just as you would if we were open as normal so we can make the teachers aware they will not receive any completed work that day from your child/ren. Thank you for your help with these important matters.

Housepoints

From next week Class Teachers from classes 2 – 6 will be rewarding housepoints for work sent in from home. We have uploaded the housepoint templates for each house to the Home Learning page on the school website. If you have printing facilities you may use these or alternatively children may design their own version of a one hundred square. Children can mark the housepoints off their chart as they would have at school and certificates will be awarded when school re-opens.

Reception Class Applications

Reminder: Applications close at midnight today (15th January 2021) for children due to start primary school in September 2021 (children born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017) To apply for a place go to :- www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places

Helen Comfort

Coronavirus Symptoms

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. They should get a Covid test. Children and staff must also stay at home and isolate if a member of their household has any of these symptoms until the outcome of a Covid test is known and follow advice accordingly.

To get a test go online to:

[nhs.uk/coronavirus](https://www.nhs.uk/coronavirus) OR

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> OR
Telephone 111

Please keep the school well informed throughout the process. If your child has attended school for childcare and tests positive for Covid you must immediately inform the school – by telephone on 01304 852639 during the school day. If you get a positive result at the weekend, during the evening or in a school holiday please email secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk

Message from the Class Teacher

Thank you very much to all the children and their grownups for their hard work this week. I hope the children have enjoyed the activities they have carried out and the time they have shared with you when learning.

I have had some excellent for Sale Posters emailed to me. The children have written and drawn beautifully.

I am super impressed with the maths skills you are learning and am glad to hear that many of the children have enjoyed these activities. You created some super Jackson Pollock inspired masterpieces.

You have also been sent some lovely pictures of things that are happening at home. For example, having a go at the goal you want to achieve; a walk you have enjoyed or other life skills you are learning with your family. It is so nice of you to share these moments with me. I really enjoyed catching up with some of you on the telephone and look forward to speaking to you next week.

Have a great weekend with your families.

Mrs Lewis

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 18th January 2021

Lunch Menu – Week 3

This week we will be finding out about pigs by reading and writing fact files. We will think about conjunctions and include these in our fact file. In maths we will be continuing our learning on the 2, 5 and 10 times table. In art and design we will look at the work of the artist Mark Rothko and create some artwork in this style. In Science we will learn about the importance of exercise. In music we will find out about instruments that make a pitch and in Geography we will explore human and physical features.

