



Class 5 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

Dear Class 5,

Thank you for sharing with me the work that you have completed at home this week. May I take this opportunity to say that I am most impressed with the standard of your home learning. Please continue to work hard and try to do everything we are planning for you each day. Please remember to take break times to relax your mind perhaps with some calming music. I know some of you are enjoying the gymnastics and joining in with Joe Wick's morning workouts. Our science topic this week is focusing on different forces and many of you have explained how your experiments turned out this week. We are also looking at North America mountain ranges in Geography. A fascinating topic that will interest many of you as you research fascinating facts and discover new learning. You are all doing a super job at home and don't forget I am here for you via the email if you have any questions. Keep well and stay safe. Miss you all.

Mr Oliver

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 18th January 2021

This week we are reading more from Charlotte's Web and writing our own descriptions. We are challenging Class 6 to a battle in TT Rockstars. Let's show them who knows their tables the best! We are also exploring forces in science. You are going to be making your own paper auto-giro and investigate how it flies. I have asked you to think about beginning to write a short story of your own that could show how much your writing has already improved since beginning Class 5. Stay safe and have a relaxing weekend.

Lunch Menu – Week 3

