



## Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 22nd January 2021

### Message from the Headteacher

The main message I want to give to everyone this week is thank you and well done. As well as juggling childcare, home schooling and working from home we have families facing all sorts of other challenges including moving house, living in a home midway through renovation, impending childbirth and, tragically, losing loved ones to Covid.

I hope you are all feeling supported by the school in all that you are managing at the moment; we are trying hard to give a personalised approach to each of our families in recognition of the many different circumstances you find yourselves in. I hope that weekly telephone calls and daily email contact with the teaching staff are proving helpful to you, if you find the time do please let me know.

If you need any resources – exercise books, paper, pens, pencils etc – do please contact the school office to arrange collection. Similarly, do please let the school know if you are not able to access the home learning; we are only too happy to help.

I wish you all a safe weekend.

#### **Free Online Courses for Families**

Kent Adult Education is pleased to announce an expansion to their catalogue of free, online courses aimed at families. Follow the link to details of the courses which are intended to be fun, boost learning and help to provide a bit of variety. Adults can book themselves on at any time. <https://www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk/course-areas/family-courses/>.

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](mailto:secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk)

### Message from the Class Teacher

Hello Class 3 ☺,

It has been so lovely to speak to you on the phone this week and hear about your home learning. I have also really enjoyed seeing the work you have been completing and sending in.

Thank you to those of you who are drawing a smiley face, straight face or sad face on your work. This is really helping me understand how you are getting on and supports me when giving feedback, marking and planning for future lessons. If you are unsure of what I'm talking about it is explained on the planning after the timetable.

Next week, we are going to be reading for pleasure and I am looking forward to seeing which books you recommend for others to read.

Have a lovely, relaxing weekend, stay safe and keep smiling! ☺

Mrs Geere

### The Week Ahead!

### Lunch Menu – Week 1

#### Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

- The Great Bread Bake Off starts! You will design your bread next week and the week after hopefully you can make and evaluate it.

