



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

Message from the Class Teacher

Hello Class 5!

Thank you so much for all of the excellent learning you have been doing at home this week and sending to me. I have been impressed by your stories, writing as Wilbur about what has happened to him. We really do have brilliant writers in our class!

Lots of you have enjoyed making and experimenting with your paper autogiros and I have been lucky enough to see some photos and videos of your experiments. Keep up the good work!

The children learning in school have been working very hard too and Mrs Hollowday has been impressed by their hard work and determination. Our Year 4 pupils have settled in to our bubble very well this week and this will continue into next week.

Wishing you a restful, enjoyable weekend.

Mr Oliver

The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu – Week 1

Week commencing 25th January 2021

- We will be continuing with Charlotte's Web in English
- In maths we will be looking further into area of shapes including compound and irregular shapes
- In science we will be continuing forces learning; you will be making and testing parachutes!

