



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 6!

Once again I have been thoroughly impressed this week; not only with your home learning but with your work ethic and continued positive attitude. Please do keep working hard and sending me your wonderful learning.

Those working in class have been joined by some members from class 4 this week. Mrs Saynor and Mrs Comlay are pleased to report that they have settled in well to our Year 6 bubble and that our children have been trying to make them feel welcome within our bubble.

Next week you may wish to have some photos ready for science, as we will be making our own family trees. If you do not have photographs of your family, you can draw. Key workers – if you want to email these, I can make sure the children have them printed at school.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Miss Brett

The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 25th January 2021

Lunch Menu – Week 1

- In English we will begin studying a new text – ‘Macbeth’ which is a play by William Shakespeare. Access to this text is available online via spark notes so there is no need to purchase a hard copy for at home.
- In maths we will be moving on to learning about percentages and their fraction and decimal equivalents.
- Science will look further into inheritance but this time, within our own family trees.

