



# Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### My Mum 2021

The KM group normally work closely with schools to produce their My Mum publication - with classes sending in drawings from the children. This year they have had to change their approach to this with so many children currently home-schooling. Instead, they are asking parents to help children submit pictures direct to their website at [www.kmmymum.co.uk](http://www.kmmymum.co.uk). Children can add their own special message to their mum, and the pictures will appear in time for Mother's Day in newspapers w/c 8<sup>th</sup> March. Please see attached flyer from The KM Group.

### 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 Teachers

Hello everyone,

This week we have been reading the story Supertato.

It has been great to see how much progress you are all making in your learning. We have seen some super writing from labelling vegetables to writing sentences to describe the Evil Pea.

We are very proud of you and you are all superheroes for staying home. Please click [here](#) if you would like to watch the video about stay home superheroes.



Best wishes

Mrs Collins and Mrs Wallis

## The Week Ahead!

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

Next week we will continue our work on the story Supertato. In maths, we will be doubling numbers and our topic work will focus on the job of a Firefighter.



## Lunch Menu – Week 1

