



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.

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. 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 8th 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

Message from the Class Teacher

Well done on another great week of home learning. I have been so impressed with the effort and presentation of work this week. Thank you to parents for your feedback on learning and smiley face self- assessments. Lots of you had great fun finding out about why exercise is important and enjoyed creating some special Mark Rothko inspired art work. Your fact files on pigs have been excellent. Thank you for your hard work. I’m glad so many of you are motivated by house points. I am very proud of you all.

This weekend, you may like to share this story Staying Home by Amy Nicholls. It provides the perfect opportunity to talk about what is happening for our families right now.

Can you spot the instructions about washing hands? We will be writing our own instructions next week.



Mrs Lewis

The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu – Week 1

Week commencing 25th January 2021

This week in English we will be learning about reading, following and writing instructions. In Maths we will further explore division and recording our methods. Your work from last week will really help you with this. In art and design we will find out about the artist Paul Klee. In Science we will be thinking about keeping healthy. In music we will explore low pitch and in Geography looking at and drawing aerial views. In R.E we will find out about The Sermon on the Mount’ and the meaning it has to Christians. I’m looking forward to another really good week!

