



Class 2 Weekly Newsletter – Friday, 29th January 2021

Message from the Headteacher

School Closure

I'm sure that many of you will have been following the news this week and have picked up on the statement regarding school closures, but for those of you who may not know, I wanted to make sure everyone was as up to date as possible.

The key announcements from this week in parliament are as follows:

- The **earliest** schools might 'begin to re-open' will be Monday 8th March, which is the start of the third school week after the half-term holiday;
- There will be a plan/review from the government set out for schools and parents on Monday 22nd February (the first day after the half-term holiday), with further updates;
- When the decision to return has been made, schools will get two weeks' notice of this.

This means that we have at least four more school weeks of home-learning under the current arrangements. I thank you all for your continued support with your child's home-learning.

Contact with Parents

Thank you for your engagement with the weekly telephone calls from the class staff. Calls for this week have now been completed. Moving forward, staff will not be making calls to all families every week as they have been. Staff are still available to speak with you and/or your child on the telephone but this will be at your request – please either email the teacher or contact the school office to make this arrangement.

Signs of Spring

This morning I noticed that the crocuses on the path beside the school drive are just beginning to appear from beneath the grass. Never have these early signs of the change of season been more welcome. With the vaccination programme rolling out I am so very hopeful, as I am sure you all are, that the better times we are looking forward to are beginning to come into focus.

Have a good and safe weekend everyone.

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

What a brilliant week!

We have had so much fun with imperative verbs. The bossy verb song being a favourite of many! Lots of you enjoyed following instructions to make Teddy Bear Toast and some created your own instructions for your family to follow too.

I am really pleased with your maths learning. So many of you have gained a good understanding of division with the help of your grown up or siblings.

It was good to catch up again on the telephone and find out how everyone is getting on with their new routines at home.

Visit the Booktrust website [here](#) to see how Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler brighten lockdown with more new coronavirus pictures.

Kirsty Lewis



The Week Ahead!

Lunch Menu – Week 2

Week commencing 1st February 2021

This week in English we will share the story 'The Storm Whale in Winter'. We will be learning about the past tense and adding the suffix 'ed' to verbs. In Maths, we will be interpreting and drawing tally charts and pictograms. In Art and Design, we will find out about the artist George Seurat and Pointillism. In Science, we will be thinking about how our bodies change as we get older. In Music, we will explore how we can follow the pitch in a piece of music. In R.E we will be learning more about the Torah, the Holy book of Jewish people. In P.E we will develop our jumping techniques in gymnastics.

