

Message from the Headteacher

Brrrr!

Very many thanks to all involved in managing the effects of Storm Darcy this week. I am sure that many of the children will have enjoyed playing in the snow – parent/carers too I imagine! Hopefully we will have a much more settled week weather-wise when we return to school after the half term break.

Keeping in Touch

The videos which each teacher presented this week have been well met by families and I am pleased to say that these will continue during Lockdown.

Resting our Eyes

The staff and children at school have enjoyed 'Screen-free Friday' today and I hope those of you at home have also. We will continue with this approach after half term.

Half Term Break

We break for half term today so there will be no home learning set for next week.

Term 4

Term 4 begins on Monday 22nd February. Children booked in for childcare will attend school while all others are to complete home learning which, as you know, is posted to the school website.

During the week beginning 1st March all classes will be undertaking work around the theme of reading and books in support of World Book Day on 4th March – look out for the variety of activities planned for this week.

At the time of writing it is possible – although not yet definite – that all (or some) children will return to school on Monday 8th March. The Prime Minister is due to make an announcement regarding this on 22nd February.

Track and Trace

If your child has been attending school for childcare and tests positive for Covid during the half term break please notify the school on <u>secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk</u> so that we can undertake the required tracking and tracing. Wishing you all a good weekend and half term break.

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 <u>stay at home</u> 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 <u>member of their</u> <u>household</u> 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 OR

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/ OR Telephone 111

Keeping School Informed

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 <u>secretary@st-margarets-dover.kent.sch.uk</u>

Even if your child is not attending school please continue to let us know if your child has symptoms of Covid and is awaiting a test result. Please advise of the result of the test either negative or positive, as we are required to report information daily to the DfE on the number of suspected and confirmed cases (just the number, no names).

Message from the Class Teachers

Hello everyone,

Well done! We have made it to the end of term – together, even with school closures and SNOW getting in our way! We have enjoyed seeing you having lots of fun in the snow: building, sledging and laughing!

You have worked hard planning and making your fruit salads for your Design Technology project. We have seen a vast variety of fruit chosen by you, from watermelons to pomegranate! We hope you had fun and learnt some new skills?



We wish you a peaceful and restful half term break,

Mrs Wallis and Mrs Hoile

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The Week Ahead!

Week commencing 22nd February 2021

After the half-term we will be starting a new Geography topic – learning about Countries and Capitals. Friday will once again, be a whole school 'off-screen' day. Look out for the additional timetable for this on the school website.



