



St. Margaret's CE Primary School

Weekly Update 3rd July 2020



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

Dear Parents,

I hope you continue to keep well.

Yesterday the Government published initial guidance for the return of all year groups from September. This details an extensive range of measures that schools must take in order to be able to open for all pupils. We are currently in the process of working through this guidance with advice from Durham County Council Education and Health and Safety teams. I anticipate that this will take some time as there are a number of areas in which extensive planning needs to be undertaken. I will write to you again once I am in a position to provide a comprehensive update and plan for September.

For those continuing to learn from home, our on-line learning provision and Teams meetings will continue next week, with a new theme of 'Journeys'. The final week will be 'Sports Week'- Mrs White has arranged a home- school Sport's Week, which will run along side the on-going Maths and English work.

If you are struggling to access online learning then please contact school and we will support you as we are able. We would like all of our children to be accessing the work provided.

As you will be aware, school has remained open for the children of Key Workers and vulnerable children since March and indeed throughout the Easter and half term holiday periods. The Government has issued the following with regard to summer holiday opening:

The Secretary of State for Education has confirmed that we are not asking schools to open over the summer holidays, and there is no expectation that schools should open for vulnerable children and children of critical workers over this period. Teachers, support staff and school leaders deserve a break, to recharge and rest.

Many of our team have not had a break since February half term and, whilst I appreciate the difficulty for key worker parents in securing childcare, I must be attentive to the wellbeing of the staff and therefore welcome the Government's announcement.

For updates, please continue to use the dedicated Coronavirus section of the School Website:

<http://www.st-margarets.durham.sch.uk/parents/coronavirus-updates/>

Stay safe and stay well.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Tait



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Good bye and good luck Year 6! It has been so lovely to see you in school this week– we hope you enjoyed your day. Keep your light shining brightly in all that you do!



Transition

Your children will be finding out who their new teacher will be early next week. In order to ease children back into school, particularly those children who have not been able to attend at all, the first three days of the new academic year (Wednesday 2nd -Friday 4th September) will be spent with their teacher from this academic year, completing settling in and transition activities. We will be holding meetings for the parents of our new starters in smaller groups to allow for social distancing (Blue Class on Thursday 3rd September and Red Class on Friday 4th September). More information about this will be coming out early next week.

Best wishes to the following pupils who are celebrating a birthday this week:

Alex Cowen

Eve Hollowbread

Noah Egginton

