



Newsletter

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Guided by God, to be the best that we can be.



'Love' is our Christian Value for this half term; this is a core value that Christian foundations are built on. We demonstrate 'Love' when we show respect, kindness and care for all members of our school community and beyond - it is at the heart of all we do.

'God is love. Whoever lives in love, lives in God and God lives in him'. John 4:16



Many thanks to all those parents who are keeping children at home and doing a fantastic job, encouraging and supporting with home learning. It has been heart warming to read your lovely comments and feedback about our Home Learning which recognises the hard work that staff are putting in to ensure that your child is continuing to be provided with a high quality education. We know this is extremely difficult for parents, especially those who are

trying to work from home or have many children in the family. Please do not be too hard on yourselves if your child is not completing all the remote learning or finding it difficult. We do not want parents or children to feel overwhelmed or stressed - we just ask that you do your best to remember that we are here to help and support. We track engagement on a weekly basis and are very pleased that high numbers of your children are engaged in their learning which is fantastic! So we have planned a special treat the first week back after half term for the children as a thank you for their hard work. We will be in touch to send out a link to watch a virtual performance of The Snow Queen, which is particularly apt with the weather we have had!

Anne Vernon, who is an Ofsted Inspector and our Diocesan School Improvement Partner has looked in depth at our remote learning and we were delighted that she said that we had, 'a particularly strong remote offer in place' although we are continually working to improve it. I know that class teachers are in regular contact with parents to offer support or guidance but you are also very welcome to speak to me too.

We hope you have a lovely half term and enjoy a break Home learning!

Take care and stay safe.

Miss Large and staff

We have received an allocation of laptops from the DfE (25) and we have allocated many to families who we picked up on our IT Survey in September or who have emailed Class Teachers to say they are struggling for example with shared devices. Please get in touch with your Class Teacher or ring the main office to speak to myself if you would like to loan one. Our IT provider has also kindly give us 3 used laptops that have been donated which may be kept by families. If you would like to be considered for one of these, please get in touch.

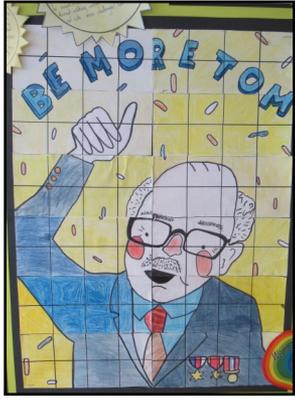


Tuesday was Safer Internet Day, a worldwide event to promote the safe and responsible use of technology for young people. The

children have spent the week learning how to check the information we find on the Internet and not blindly trust everything we read.

We are also in the process of updating the E-Safety section of the school website. The online world moves incredibly quickly so we are including some parents' guides to Tik-Tok, Snap Chat, Twitter, YouTube, Facebook and Instagram. We will also included the Safer Internet materials that have been delivered to the children this week.

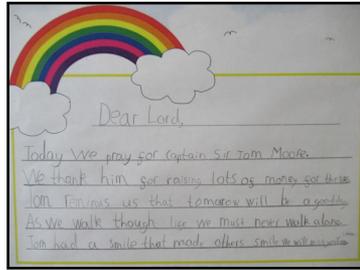
"Tomorrow will be a better day" Capt. Sir Tom Moore



Last week we paid tribute to Capt. Sir Tom Moore, who sadly passed away on 2nd February. The children were asked how Capt. Tom had made them feel when they learnt about his good deed for the NHS and his heroic time as a soldier during the second world war. Year 5 wrote about how he has inspired them not to give up and Year 2 drew some wonderful images as well as writing prayers for him.



A man who truly left his mark on our hearts.



Captain Sir Tom Moore has inspired me to take on more challenges like he did when he walked around his garden one hundred times. He has shown me that if you put your mind to it, you can do anything.

Captain Sir Tom Moore was a national inspiration because he walked up and down his garden one hundred times for NHS. He donated thirty two million pounds.

Heighan Oxley



School and Home Working Together

Year 6 made 3D models of Sir Tom Moore to mark his passing last week. The children in school used wire and paper mache, whilst the children at home could use whatever resources they had. We received some wonderful drawings but Ryan's Lego Tom Moore really stood out. We love it when children surprise us by producing something we never would have thought of!



Kaelyn Y6 - school learning



Ryan Y6 - home learning



The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing in the snow this week, both at home and school!

May we ask parent to ensure the children come to school in a coat, suitable winter footwear along with a hat and gloves if possible. We like to get the children out for plenty of fresh air when it is their break times. Many thanks.



Home Pack Lunch

We have noticed recently that some home pack lunch contents are increasing to the point where children do not or can not eat it all in the time given to them. Please do not overload their lunch boxes. **One** sandwich, drink, fruit/vegetables and a yoghurt or biscuit is more than enough to see them through the day. Change for life have some lovely, simple ideas for healthy lunch boxes (click the attached link). All the children have access to fruit as a snack during their morning break times.

Thank you for your cooperation.

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes#lunchbox-recipes>



Children's Mental Health Week took place last week. This year's theme was Express Yourself which focused on getting the children both at school and at home to find creative ways to share their thoughts, feelings and emotions through activities like music, art or dance and to encourage them to share and discuss how they feel, especially during this difficult time.

If You Ever...

If you're ever feeling depressed,
Watch something funny and you'll be blessed.
When anxiety swamps your brain,
Exercise until the end of its reign.
If you ever feel down and lonely,
Phone a friend, it's not you only.
When you feel you just cannot stop,
Seek advice before you drop.
When you're angry or annoyed,
Count to ten before you get destroyed.
When you feel very stressed,
A good night's sleep is always best.

By Toby, Year 6

Poem by Toby Y6 - home learning



Poster by Morgan Y5 - home learning



'How I feel about myself' by Ava Y4 - class learning

