



ST PAULINUS
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wednesday 3rd February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final week of this half term, I would like to update you with a few plans for the forthcoming week.

Before I begin, I would like to express our sincere thanks for everything that you are doing to support us during this time. It continues to be a very turbulent time and, as a School, we are very aware of how hard our families are trying to support the Remote Learning which we are sending home on a daily basis. Our teachers are working hard to ensure that our pupils are receiving a creative and varied curriculum, and we appreciate how your role in this has been crucial. We are incredibly grateful for all that you are doing and we are so proud of our pupils. Thank you so much.

Dress to Express Assembly

This week is Children's Mental Health week and teachers have been marking this with assemblies and activities through our Remote Learning. On Friday afternoon, I will be delivering our Celebration Assembly for **Years 1, 2 and 3 at 2:00pm and Years 4, 5, and 6 at 2:30pm** via Google Meet. For Foundation Stage, I will be recording an assembly, which will be available for these pupils via their Google Classroom on Friday.

The focus for this year's Children's Mental Health week is all about expressing feelings. The charity who promote Children's Mental Health Week, Place2Be, are encouraging children (and adults!) to 'dress to express'. This involves wearing clothes which may express a mood or a feeling or might even be dressing in a way which demonstrates a person's interests or personality. It would be great if the pupils could 'Dress to Express' for this week's assembly. They may choose to wear a certain colour or accessorise their outfit with an item which says something about them, such as a wand, tiara or a superhero cape. It's up to each individual as to what they wear! Place2Be are raising awareness of the issues surrounding children's mental health and, at this time especially, this is something very close to our hearts at St Paulinus. A link to the Place2Be website can be found here: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/support-us/donate/>
If you wish to find out further information and if you would like to make a voluntary donation to support this extremely worthwhile cause.

During the assembly, I will be launching a special St Paulinus Community project, which the children are invited to take part in. More details will be announced during the assembly!

Wonderful Wednesday

Next week is our final week of the half term before we break up for the half term holiday. Teachers will not be setting any work over this break and we look forward to knowing that our pupils and families are having a well-earned break from Remote Learning.

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As a way of continuing to express our thanks, we would like to extend our Wonderful Wednesday theme to next week. Therefore, on **Wednesday 10th February 2021** pupils will not receive any online learning. Instead, we encourage our pupils to focus on activities which will promote their health and well-being. This may vary from taking a walk, to baking a cake, to watching a favourite film, to having a go at a new craft or even cuddling up with a favourite book. It really is an opportunity to take stock and take time to focus on the things which really make us happy.

The PTFA are working hard to organise some fun online treats for our pupils on this day. More details will follow about this exciting treat for our wonderful pupils.

Tribute to Captain Sir Tom Moore

Finally, I am sure we've all been touched with the sad passing of Captain Sir Tom Moore. To think that one person, in the space of a year, can achieve so much for the good of others is truly awe inspiring. As a tribute to Captain Sir Tom, we feel that it is only fitting that we should honour his memory with our very own tribute. Therefore, we would like our pupils to honour his achievement and memory with a 'Five Laps for Five Days' in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore.

It would be wonderful if our pupils could walk/run/skip etc five laps of their garden or an open space for five days next week as a tribute for this wonderful man who brought us all so much hope in a time of great distress.

The NHS continue to work tirelessly in the battle against COVID 19. We would like to support James Cook University Hospital in our tribute to Captain Sir Tom Moore. We politely ask for voluntary donations to our Captain Sir Tom Moore Tribute and these can be made via your ParentPay account. Hopefully, Captain Sir Tom will be smiling down on us and his legacy will continue and contribute to helping even more people.

Thank you, once again, for your support. We are here should you need any support or advice with how your child is getting on.

Love and best wishes,

Mr Geaves
Executive Head

Mrs Bircham
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