

## NEWSFLASH!

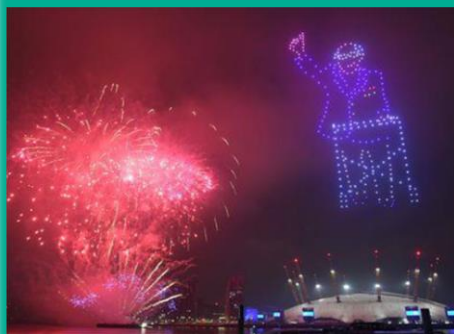
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February

Dear Parent/Carers

In assembly today I told the children how lovely it was to see all their pictures and video clips of their creative ways of expressing themselves indoors and outdoors. It's great to see that the relentless rain and subsequent mud is not stopping you from going on walks and bike rides!

Continuing on our emotional well-being theme, next week we will be launching a Thrive virtual classroom. Mrs Allen has impressed us all with her IT skills to create this exciting resource which has a range of resources from activities to do inside or outside, to story books that the children can listen to on particular themes. As soon as we have tested that all the links work we will signpost you to it!

It was such sad news to learn of Captain Sir Tom Moore's death this week – an incredible man who raised so much money and lifted the spirits of the nation. I'll sign off with one of his quotes...



"The hardest part is the first step; once you have done that, if you do another one, it becomes a natural thing."

Keep safe,  
Mrs Maurice

### Daily google meets

During these times we are continually reflecting on our remote learning provision and the impact that it is having. The feedback that we have received regarding the class google meets from pupils and parents has been positive so far. We have also spoken to other schools that are having daily google meets sessions and they report that this daily opportunity for the children to touch base with their friends and teachers has been motivating and is having a positive impact on their mental well-being. Therefore from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February all classes will be having a daily google meet. The timings for these will be:

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| • EYFS - 9:00 am | • Y3 - 11:00 am |
| • Y1 - 9:30 am   | • Y4 - 11:30 am |
| • Y2 - 10:00 am  | • Y5 - 1:30 pm  |
|                  | • Y6 - 2:00 pm  |

The length of the sessions will range from 20 – 30 minutes dependant on the age of the children. During the sessions the children will engage in a variety of activities like Maths and English games, show and tell, story times, etc.

As we hope to be seeing the children daily, teachers will only be calling families of the children that they haven't seen, or are not submitting work, or where parents/carer have requested a call. Miss Watkins and her SEND team will still continue to make their usual phone calls.

### The Big Lockdown Learning Parent Survey

Our school has been selected to participate in a national survey about how children are learning at home and the impact lockdown-learning is having on family life.

To help us do this, we would like you to download and use a free survey app called Parent Ping: <https://bit.ly/parentping>. They will ask you a few questions each day and show you how other parents are coping in lockdown. When you first sign in to the app it will ask you for the school name (St. Peter's CofE (A) Primary School) and for the first part of the postcode (BN5 9PU).

The benefits to you:

- See how other parents answer the questions!
- A chance to win a Chromebook in the national weekly draw
- A chance to win a £30 Amazon voucher in our school's weekly draw

The benefits to the school:

- When at least 60 parents are answering the survey questions each day, we will be sent a set of results that compares what you think to what all parents in the country think. This will help us better understand your needs and challenges around home-learning.

You don't have to join in if you don't want to, it's completely voluntary, but this is a great time to share your opinions, not just with us but with other parents and with the people who make decisions about education in England.

If you would like to know more about the project, please see

<https://parentping.co.uk/bigsurvey/> 