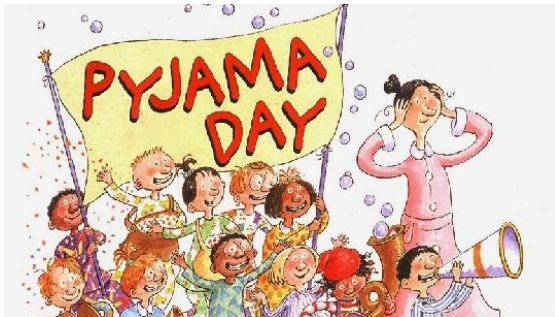


February 4th 2021

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Some Sad News

We would like to let you know that Mr Millinson's mother very sadly passed away last week. Our thoughts are with Mr Millinson and his family – he continues to be in school at this very sad time. Kind well-wishers within our school family have already enquired as to whether donations are being collected for a particular charity. In memory of both his mother and his father, who passed away some years ago, Mr Millinson has chosen a charity which he holds very dear – The British Heart Foundation. Ms. Weston, who has been involved in much of our charitable work in school over the years, has suggested a pyjama day to raise some funds.



We know that across the country, so many of us have sometimes enjoyed the comfort of being in our pyjamas whilst carrying out our work! A big thank you to Ms. Weston for her suggestion and so, as a result, we invite all our school family, our children, parents/carers and teachers to carry out their work in their pyjamas on Friday 26th February. We ask for a donation of £1 per child or £1.50 per family. Those working remotely are asked to donate directly to the British Heart Foundation through their website. Thank you, in advance, for helping

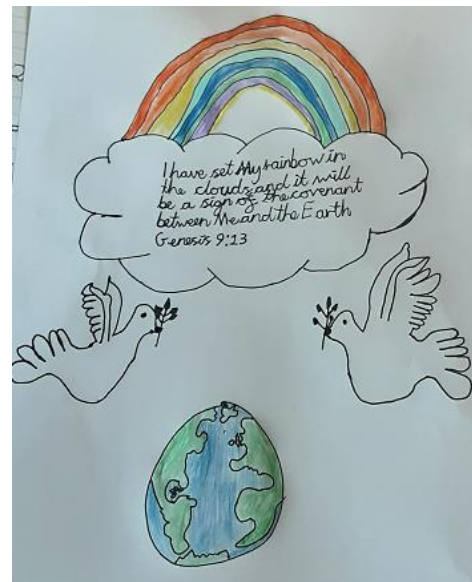
to support the charity of Mr Millinson's choice.

<https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate>



Learning – in school and remotely

Thank you and well done to all of our children who are working so hard at the moment both in school and at home. The picture below was produced by a Year Five child working remotely on an RE task. It shows God's covenant with Noah.



The staff have enjoyed receiving photos of all the crafts, artwork and DT which has been taking place at home in addition to the work set.



The photo below shows some cookies made by a Year Six child.



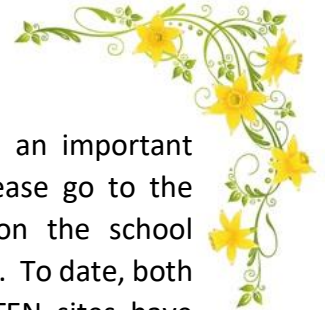
So many of you have been taking part in the various online exercise videos such as PE with Joe Wicks – well done. Remember, though, to keep yourselves safe online by not sharing personal information such as your name, age or school especially in open chats or live streamed videos.

If you are carrying out your learning at home, keep logging on to Starz and checking your class website page. Your efforts are being recognised and the adults who work in your class bubble will keep in contact with you. If you do finish the work given to you, be sure to have a look at the various websites to help support your learning. Please go to the Class Information page of the school website. There you will find the 'Learning at Home' and 'Useful Links' pages. We also attach some useful websites along with this newsletter.

A big thank you to parents and carers too for all for your hard work in supporting our children and staff. We will continue to keep in touch with you through Parent mail, texts and phone calls. Don't forget to contact us if you feel that you need help or advice regarding supporting your child at home.

Prayer and Worship

The staff have been very impressed by the way so many of you have been following the virtual collective worship and



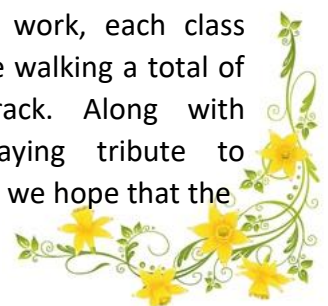
assemblies which are such an important part of our school life. Please go to the Collective Worship page on the school website to find various links. To date, both the CAFOD and the TEN TEN sites have proved very popular.

Just a reminder that prayers can also be sent into school along with your other work – we have appreciated and shared many of the ones sent in already. If you wish to have a special prayer said or would like someone special remembered, please let us know - we will use our special prayer net which is in our school chapel.



Captain Sir Tom Moore

In memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore, and to celebrate his good work, each class bubble in school will be walking a total of 100 laps of our track. Along with remembering and paying tribute to Captain Sir Tom Moore, we hope that the

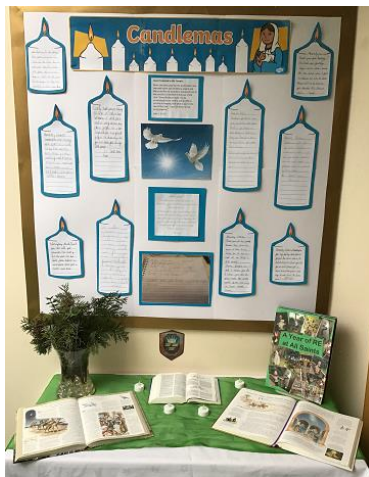




fresh air and exercise will aid our own well-being. A special thanks goes to Year Five who have led the way with this idea. This combined class bubble effort will take place today (Thursday) and tomorrow. Families working remotely might like to join in by making the most of the space available to you at home. Let us know how you get on!

Candlemas

The feast of Candlemas is celebrated every year on February 2nd. Thank you to Miss Mayern and the children within the Year Three bubble for their Candlemas display.



Many of you followed the virtual Candlemas presentations and worship which were on offer. Mrs Allen, our music teacher, sent in some beautiful photos of all the candles in Ely Cathedral which celebrated this special feast day of Jesus being presented in the temple.



Along with many of us, you might be missing singing! Why not have a look at the BBC school radio page which has a selection of songs and hymns you might recognise and some great new ones to try.



Government Updates

The current information provided is that schools will not return to full face-to-face education after the February half-term and that the current attendance restrictions will remain in place until 8 March at the earliest. This means that we will continue as we have been with some children working in school, but with the vast majority carrying out remote learning. As soon as we hear anything else, we will let you know.

Half term

Half term begins on February 15th and we look forward to receiving those of you who currently have a place in school back on Monday 22nd.

The words of our vision statement remind us of the importance of patience, kindness and not giving up. So many of us have lived out these values through our words and actions over the past months and this is what continues to make our school family so special.

Yours sincerely,

**C Harrison
Deputy Headteacher**

