



12th February 2021

## Spring 2021 newsletter 6

Dear parents/carers,

**A big well done to everyone - we've got through the first half term! It is so important to stick together, look after each other and keep the faith - we will get through this.**

There were a lot of shout outs in the Celebration Worship today. Can I mention Lucy/Harry Sawyer, Alex Roper, CELF Evans, Rudi/Lulu Wilkinson, Rudi Skinner and Sicily Fitzgerald for their AMAZING Community Challenge efforts so far. Please take a look at ways you can join in the challenge here:

<https://www.stpetersfundraising.com/stpetersbudleighcommunitychallenge>

My challenge involves a weekly sea swim - which I will start this weekend. Not a good time to begin!! If I hit my £500 target, I will let the children vote on a way they'd like to get their own back on me. This might be making me dress up in silly clothes for the week, shave my head, cover me in slime.....or make me wear a Liverpool kit :(

We had loads of lovely 'thank you card' entries. I have lots of prizes to give out (watch the worship today to find out who), and the grand prize goes to Lily and Isabelle Corbishley. Nice work girls! If you did win a prize, pop into school after half term to collect.

Don't forget about our COVID support group <https://www.budleighsupport.co.uk/>. We can support individuals - it doesn't have to be families - so please do share with anyone that you know in need. We'd also like to say thank you to our local shops for taking part in our food voucher scheme for families in need: Sampsons butcher, Richards Greengrocers, Crusty Cob Bakery and Pynes Farm Shop.

And a small note - if you have a Windows PC or laptop, update it now. There is a 'high threat' alert out: updating your device will protect it against attack. Typing in 'update' in your Windows bar will bring up the option to do this.

I have no updates from the DfE about a return to school. I think it is best to assume we will be carrying on as we have been for some time. Please do have a lovely half term. Hopefully time to get outside, and to spend some time together where you are not nagging your child to work!

### In today's newsletter:

- Live lessons - our offer
- Can you help?
- Games with Gran! A lovely idea
- Room on the Zoom

### Reminders of helpful resources

- [Quick reference - ways we can help you](#)
- [Mrs Cawthera's top tips for reducing screen time, getting exercise and dealing with stress](#)
- [Reading support](#)
- [Home learning guide and tips](#)

**Please don't suffer in silence! Get in touch if you need help with anything.**



## Live lessons - our offer

Our number one priority for remote learning is good pedagogy (how we teach). When designing lessons, consideration is given to age, stage, ability, and the suitability of different mediums (live video, recorded video, 3rd party video e.g. White Rose, Oak Academy, worksheets, quizzes, narrated slides etc). This means we are taking a flexible approach to delivering lessons, rather than one standard method. Delivering every lesson live but remotely is still very unnatural and therefore does not suit all learners or the varying dynamics of a family's remote learning situation (resources, timetables etc). Monitoring children in class and at home is very difficult. We are also conscious that it is not healthy for children to stare at a screen all day. Parents and learners might enjoy the rigour of a timetable and the motivation of seeing their class teacher, but we are clear on developing independent learners (<https://www.st-peters-school.org.uk/news/helping-your-child-to-become-an-independent-learner/>) and providing motivation in other ways. Get in touch with us if you need help.

## Our aims

- We have a flexi approach to live (synchronous) and non-live (non-synchronous) remote learning. It is up to the class teacher to decide what is the best pedagogical approach for the individuals in their class. Consideration should be given to:
  - Reactivating prior knowledge,
  - Chunking learning into manageable parts,
  - Scaffolding and modelling for those that need it,
  - Independent practice,
  - Assessment and feedback.
- Personalised 1:1 or small group 'live' sessions where the need is identified by the class teacher. This might include SEND, higher attainers and PPG pupils.
- Each class has at least two live sessions each week, where the class can come together for a social and emotional experience, or for the class teacher to take questions, give out praise, or other pedagogical means.
- Where pupils are struggling to engage with non-synchronous learning (i.e. not live), parents should inform the class teacher. We can then put in place individual support.
- Staff are engaged in teaching in school and remotely. We do not expect any of our teachers to hold live lessons when teaching in school.

## Can you help?

Wanted:

- Girl's or unisex bike for 5/6 year old.
- Socks, leggings, and tights. Our Nursery spares have dwindled and we now have no socks at all. Age 3-5 would be great.
- Shin pads - adult size with ankle protection for Mill Water school.

*I have LOADS of football boots. After lockdown, if anyone wants a pair, I will put them out for you to take.*

## Thank you Launchpad

During the recent lockdown, Launchpad has supported lots of families who have children who attend St Peter's. Initially, Launchpad helped us respond to the sudden lockdown and provide meals to families - this provided us with time to develop our term time food provision. Most recently, Launchpad has provided nearly 200 delicious and



nutritious meals during the half-term. We are extremely grateful to them and would like to invite the community to support Launchpad in any way that they can.

### **Games with Gran! A lovely idea**

A parent has recommended this website for people trying to help their children stay in contact with other children and adults but experiencing the same difficulty as they were having during Covid Lockdown - trying to engage in and actually enjoy video calls with relatives? [www.gameswithgran.com](http://www.gameswithgran.com)

They created a website that combines simple games like Connect 4 and noughts and crosses with built in super simple video calling...and for free!

### **Room on the Zoom**

If your child enjoyed the session with Rob this week, please see the below.



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# Once Upon a

Virtual Children's Festival

15th-20th February

[www.littlesupernovas.com/festival-tickets](http://www.littlesupernovas.com/festival-tickets)

## 'Room on the Zoom'

Friday 19th February 2021

Live at 11.00am

Join the inimitable Rob Pudner this half term for forty-five minutes of family friendly interactive entertainment for just £3.50 per device.





## SIMPLE TIPS FOR IMPROVING YOUR MOOD



### TIP 01

Learn how to manage  
unhelpful thoughts

### TIP 02

Stay active

### TIP 03

Talk to someone

**WHEN THINGS AREN'T SO GOOD OUT THERE... MAKE INSIDE FEEL BETTER.**

Visit **Every Mind Matters** for more tips and advice

