

# Fishbourne C E Primary School

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## Families Newsletter 6

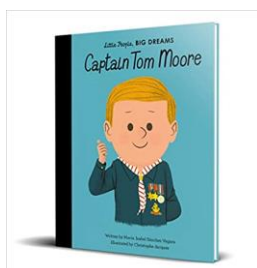
Dear Parents,

We are almost at half term! It has been such a privilege to work alongside you to support your children's learning at home or to care for your children in school while you are doing critical keyworker roles in our community. Thank you to everyone for playing their part in this response to the pandemic.

Staying connected with you at home has been a key part of our vision during this half term and your encouraging words of thanks and feedback have been warmly received by the staff team. It has been wonderful to share in the learning happening at home and being able to see your children's faces each week during our Class Catch-Up Zoom sessions.

This lockdown has felt very different to the one we found ourselves in during March 2020 and for many of our families the juggle of home, learning, work and play has been an exhausting one. We are incredibly proud of the way our Fishbourne Family community has come around one another to support, nurture and guide this time but we know it has been a struggle for everyone. Thank you for all you have done to support your children's learning at home - you have been truly magnificent! We hope that half term will provide a good opportunity for a change of pace (with one less plate to spin!) and that you will be able to enjoy some family time.

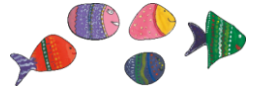
We continue to wait for further instruction from the government about how and when schools will start to re-open to full capacity. Until then, our remote learning offer will remain. Please remember that Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February will be an INSET day during which time we will be doing some important staff development on our approach to the teaching of maths. Our Learning Letters will be posted on Seesaw in preparation for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February and we look forward to seeing the children's faces popping up again then.



In our assembly today we celebrated the life of Captain Tom Moore and the amazingly positive impact he had on our country. When he began his sponsored walk, Captain Tom Moore said: 'one little soul like me isn't going to make much difference...' - he went on to not only raise over 30 million pounds to support the NHS but to inspire us all to see that we can each make a difference. Captain Tom Moore symbolised so much to our country but most significant was the way in which his simple actions made the world a

better place to be! We are so passionate about the role we each play in making the world a better place to be and how the simplest of actions can make the biggest differences! Each time we pray at the end of assembly, we are reminded of the vision for the young people and families who come to our school:

Father God,  
Open my eyes to the world around me.  
Enable me to be inspired by others.  
Help me to see ways to make a difference - a kind word, a smile, an act of kindness or a helping hand.  
Let me make the world a better place to be.  
Amen.



One of our own little fish is setting out to make the world a better place to be during the month of February by running 50km to raise funds for FOFS: "So please join me in making a difference! I'm raising money in aid of FRIENDS OF FISHBOURNE SCHOOL and every donation will help. Thank you in advance for your contribution to this cause that means so much to me and my friends." If you feel you can support Rafferty in his pledge to make the world a better place to be, please do follow this link:

[https://www.gofundme.com/f/raffertys-50k-february-fofs-fundraiser?utm\\_campaign=m\\_pd+share-sheet&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link\\_all&utm\\_source=customer](https://www.gofundme.com/f/raffertys-50k-february-fofs-fundraiser?utm_campaign=m_pd+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all&utm_source=customer)

It seems fitting to draw this Families Newsletter to a close by praying this prayer for our community together:

*May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

Kind regards,

Naomi Day