

# St. Cedd's Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

I would like to begin by saying a huge thank you once again for your hard work and dedication to home schooling this week. Teachers continue to receive some wonderful work and we can really see the efforts that the children are going to when completing the tasks. It is wonderful to see the majority of the children accessing the live lessons and engaging with each other. The teachers are enjoying being able to see the children and have regular discussions with them. Can I please ask that during the live lessons, you encourage your child to behave in the way which they would were they in school. They should not be eating during the lessons and should be paying full attention. Please help us by ensuring that your child is ready for the start of the lesson and remains online throughout the session. Children should not be leaving part way through. If there is genuine reason why this needs to happen, can I please ask you to message the class teacher in advance of the lesson. Can I also remind you to make sure that your child works in a quiet space as teachers are able to hear background noise very easily.

With one more week to go until the end of this half term, I am writing to share with you some points for the coming weeks.

Firstly, it is Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February and this year's theme is, '**An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world.**' Understanding reliability online and recognising what you can and cannot trust is important for everyone, regardless of their age, to enjoy the internet safely and positively. However, for 7-11 year olds, the desire to use technology rapidly starts to increase during this stage. Not only do primary aged children need to understand that content can be true, untrue, a belief or an opinion, they are also likely to begin experiencing online advertising, and content that has been edited – e.g. shared by influencers that they follow. Children of this age are still learning so much about themselves and the world around them. It is critical that the information they receive is trustworthy, appropriate, and safe for their development and well-being.

With this in mind, teachers will be adding some resources to Class Dojo for you and your children to use next week. Now, more than ever, children are spending longer lengths of time online and it is incredibly important that they know how to do so in the safest way possible and how to ask for help if they are worried. You can find a range of resources to use with your child from the UK Safer Internet Centre:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2021/i-am-parent-or-carer>

Please do take time to discuss this with your child next week. Together, we can teach the children how to be safe online.

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Secondly, we were so sorry to hear of the passing of Captain Sir Tom Moore this week and know that he had been seen as a beacon of hope during the pandemic. His words 'tomorrow will be a good day' gave us all hope for the future, which is important in helping us get through this difficult time.

As a tribute to his life and his inspirational challenge of walking 100 lengths of his garden, which raised over £32million, we are setting every class the challenge to walk 100km collectively by the end of February. Certificates will be awarded to those pupils walking the furthest and there will be a Gold, Silver and Bronze certificate for the classes completing the most kilometres.

Your walks can be completed inside, in your garden or on walks in the local area. You can use phone apps, fitness watches etc to measure the distances walked and if inside, you could measure the distance and multiply it by how many laps you complete.

To register your distances, please complete the online survey at:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/667QMG/>

Please complete a survey at the end of each week for each child. Please do not leave it until the end of the challenge as we'd love to see each classes' progress towards the total. Staff will be taking part too! The form will be live until Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 10.00am.

Please email photos of you on your walks to [admin.stcedds@dcvst.org](mailto:admin.stcedds@dcvst.org) so we can share some on our Facebook page and website. I will share an update of class totals on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February and then again after half term. Happy walking in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore!

Finally, I would like to remind you all that school breaks up for half term on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. We have an INSET day on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. School will be closed to all children throughout this time.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely

Lyndsey Wood

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