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The Parkland Federation Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you and your family keeping safe and well. Whilst it has certainly not been our planned start to 2021, we have been rather busy looking at the best ways to support our children of Critical Workers and our Online Learners. We were incredibly proud of our online learning when we first designed it in March 2020. Our aim was to bring the Classroom to you and find a way to adapt our exciting curriculum to the small screen! In the last lockdown, we provided full



time learning on Google Classroom (for all KS1 and KS2 pupils). Since the second lockdown was announced, we have been looking at ways to improve this further to include videos of teachers teaching as well as trial Live Lessons. A huge thank you to Mrs Das for being our first online Live Teacher! Also a big thank you to Mr Johnson for his incredible computing skills - which helped to make the whole thing possible. We are very excited about how this will evolve over the coming weeks, until we can reunite as a whole school community. Watch this space!

#### **ONLINE LEARNING EXPECTATIONS**



I am sure that you have heard the recent Government announcements about the importance of children continuing their education, despite the most recent school closures. Teachers are working incredibly hard to ensure all children have access to virtual learning in their Google Classroom for Years 1 - 6 and via Tapestry for our Reception Classes. Please support us by logging in each day and encouraging the children to take part in their lessons. We know that many of

you are juggling working from home as well as home-schooling and we are VERY grateful for your support. It makes an incredible difference and will help us ensure absolute minimum gaps for pupils when they return. If you do not have access to a PC or Laptop, please see the recent information sent home about how to utilise Playstations and XBOX game consoles to access our

Google Classrooms. iPads can also be used. Class teachers are in online classrooms 5 days a week and respond to work as it comes in. They are there to support any misconceptions and answer any questions you have. They also LOVE hearing from their classes, so please do encourage the children to communicate as much as possible. If you are finding a particular barrier to online learning, please do get in touch so that we can help.

# FREE SCHOOL MEALS - VOUCHERS

We hope our Free School Meal families are benefiting from the Tesco Giftcards that have been distributed over the last two weeks when your child has not been at school. We are pleased to announce that as of **18th January 2021** we will be moving over to the national voucher scheme that is managed by Edenred on behalf of the Department for Education.

This will mean that you will have a choice of 10 supermarkets to spend

your £15 per child voucher. We have been informed that vouchers can be ordered up until half term. We will arrange for the vouchers to be distributed in the same way as the Tesco gift cards.

If your financial circumstances have changed over Christmas or you wish to check whether you are eligible, then please click on the link below and complete the short online application. You will need to provide your date of birth and national insurance number.

https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/school-life/meals/free/

For those at school, please take advantage of the hot meal available daily.

Finally, a quick reminder regarding the Christmas Free School Meal voucher. If you still have your voucher to redeem, please do this in the next few weeks as it will expire on 1st March 2021 and we would not wish you to miss out.

# BEING SOCIAL ONLINE THIS DECEMBER: A PARENT'S GUIDE

Access to new tech over the winter period can provide new opportunities for children and young people but also present risks.

<u>This Think U Know guide</u> for parents looks at how they can support their child to be safer online this season by focusing on 3 key areas: viewing, sharing, chatting and friending.

# PABULUM AND SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Pabulum recognise that there are an increasing number of children who require a medically prescribed diet. This could be due to a variety of reasons such as a food allergy or intolerance, Type 1 Diabetes or other medical conditions.

Special diet menus are created for pupils with food allergies or intolerances to ensure all parties, including our catering team, your school staff and you, are clear about which meals from the main menu are safe for your child to consume. We are also able to provide a breakdown of nutritional information if required.

More information can be found on our website at <u>www.pabulum-catering.co.uk/special-diets</u>. Alternatively, you can email the Health & Safety nutritionist at Pabulum on <u>specialdiets@pabulum-catering.co.uk</u>. If you email directly, please specify which school your child attends.

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Here is your free e-copy of Family First magazine, packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown- We hope it helps in some way. Please click on the link below:

#### https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff\_issue\_7\_digital211220





Each week, we will be bringing you a 'Makaton Sign of the Week'. Makaton uses signs and symbols to help people communicate. It supports the development of essential communication skills such as attention and listening, comprehension, memory, recall and organisation of language and expression. In school,

we use a lot of Makaton when we sing and when we talk to one another. In order to keep promoting and using Makaton, we will include a Makaton Sign of the Week for the children (and adults!) to learn and use. The lovely Mrs Deaves will model it for you.

This week's sign is 'work.'

Put your non-dominant hand diagonally in front of your stomach, with your thumb facing up. Then place your dominant hand (writing hand) on top, facing the opposite direction. Make a sawing action by moving your hands. This can be used with the 'good' sign for when your child has produced good work in class or at home.



#### STEM CHALLENGE

STEM refers to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.





Place a small plastic toy or figure (Lego works well) into the container and fill to almost the top with water. Leave in a freezer or ice compartment in the fridge until the water is frozen. Remove the container and leave for 5-10 minutes until the ice loosens and then tip it out onto a plate or tray.

# WHAT DO YOU NOTICE? Things to talk about ...

What happens when you pour a little bit of warm water onto the ice? What happens if you put salt onto the ice? What do you think would be the fastest way to rescue your toy from the ice? What could you do to find out? Are bigger toys easier to rescue from the ice than smaller toys?



You will need
\* A container
\* Small plastic toy

Freezer (or ice

Water



As it has been so cold and icy , here is some science fun you can have with ice. Send Mrs Carver any photos of your experiments at home.



# TTRockstars Challenge - have fun learning your times tables

Being instantly able to recall multiplication and division facts is an essential skill for everyone. To encourage your child to learn their times tables, we have started an in-school times table rock star challenge. Each time your child logs on and plays TT rockstars, they will be earning points for their class. Please be aware that the competition is only open between school hours. Currently, top of the leader board are: 6 Mian, 6 Rosen and 5 Zephaniah.



#### ECO TIP OF THE FORTNIGHT

As the new year begins, it is important to consider what we can do to become more eco-friendly in order to help our planet. As a striving eco-school, we know the importance of reducing pollution and waste. We now have Food waste bins all around our school, in order to ensure that any food waste is recycled in a safe and eco-friendly manner. So our tip of the fortnight links in with this as we encourage that as part of your new year's resolution to try to cook from scratch and meal plan to avoid any waste. This is a hard resolution to stick to, but your health, your wallet and the environment will thank you for it.

From farm to factory to store to table, processed, packaged convenience foods are full of wasted energy, oil, water and trees.

#### **MORRISONS COMPETITION**

**Morrisons are launching a new project** 'Bring nature back to Eastbourne' which is a project available to all. What they are



Making good food affordable for everyone It's all of our jobs

asking is that the community takes a minute to learn and help bring nature back. Even if you do not have an outside space you can create a window box or a container at home to plant seeds in and have a look at what insects etc come to visit once it has sprung to life.



Can you create your own wildlife habitat? What about building a hedgehogs nest? Or even a bee highway? No garden, no problem - what about a window box?

There is a competition has 3 categories:

- 1. Best bug house created by young people
- 2. Best nature area at home
- 3. Best school nature area

Battle of the schools, which school can create a wildlife area to be proud of and the winning school would win  $\pounds$ 100 for their school.

Morrisons Community Champion

Photos of your entries are to be sent to the **Community Champion Eastbourne Facebook page**. Entries to be posted by 1st June 2021. Let's see if one of our amazing Parkland pupils can win one of these categories. Time to get your thinking caps on! Happy designing!

#### **EYFS LEARNING**

Happy New Year Reception! What a way to start 2021! You've worked extremely hard these past weeks and we are beyond proud of how quickly you've adapted to home learning. Our new topic is 'Traditional Tales' and we have been learning about 'Little Red Riding Hood' and 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have seen some incredible wanted posters, paintings, ordering numbers, sharing, yoga, baking and most importantly, **FUN** taking place these past two weeks. A huge well done to all your grown ups for all their hard work with supporting home learning! We have loved seeing and hearing about the super learning that is taking place. Keep up the phenomenal work!



#### YEAR 1 LEARNING

Wow! What a start to 2021! Even though it has been a strange few weeks, Year 1 have still been working their absolute socks off! Here is just a snippet of what we have been learning...

Our new Topic 'Kingdom of Ice' kick started with a new text in English called 'The Emperor's Egg.' The children began by learning the story and all about emperor penguins. Then they planned and wrote their own version of the story! In PSHE, we have been thinking about our success and new goals for the year. The children made a 'success coin' to celebrate their successes. In History, we have been exploring the life of Robert Falcon Scott and we created a timeline to show when he was alive. Our DT work this term is looking at the patchwork applique. The children began by using 2D shapes to create pictures and progressed to designing their own patchwork!

Well done Year 1. We cannot tell you how proud we are of you. A special well done to your adults at home, too! We really appreciate the time and the energy that you are putting into each lesson.



























#### YEAR 2 LEARNING

We are so proud of your hard work, Year 2. You have put so much effort into your home learning and are forever thinking of more creative ways to complete your assignments. Super job! You really are constantly outdoing yourselves. We hope you are enjoying our new topic, 'The Great Fire of London'. You have shown great knowledge in what you have done already with some fantastic videos of paper Pudding Lanes and setting them on fire! In Science, we are exploring animals including humans and hopefully we will be able to do some hands-on learning a little later on this term. It is really important that you listen to your bodies and work out a routine that works for you. Don't worry if the work is late or you do your lessons in the afternoon. If it works for you, great. Here are some really useful websites that you can use to play games online and online lessons. Have a wonderful time exploring what is out there.

Maths games: https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/5-7-years/counting

Maths Songs: https://www.youtube.com/results?search\_guery=jack+heartman

Phonics lessons: <u>https://www.youtube.com/c/RuthMiskinTrainingEdu/playlists</u>

Phonics games: https://www.phonicsbloom.com/uk/game/list/phonics-games-phase-5

Science Shows: https://www.youtube.com/user/maddiemoate

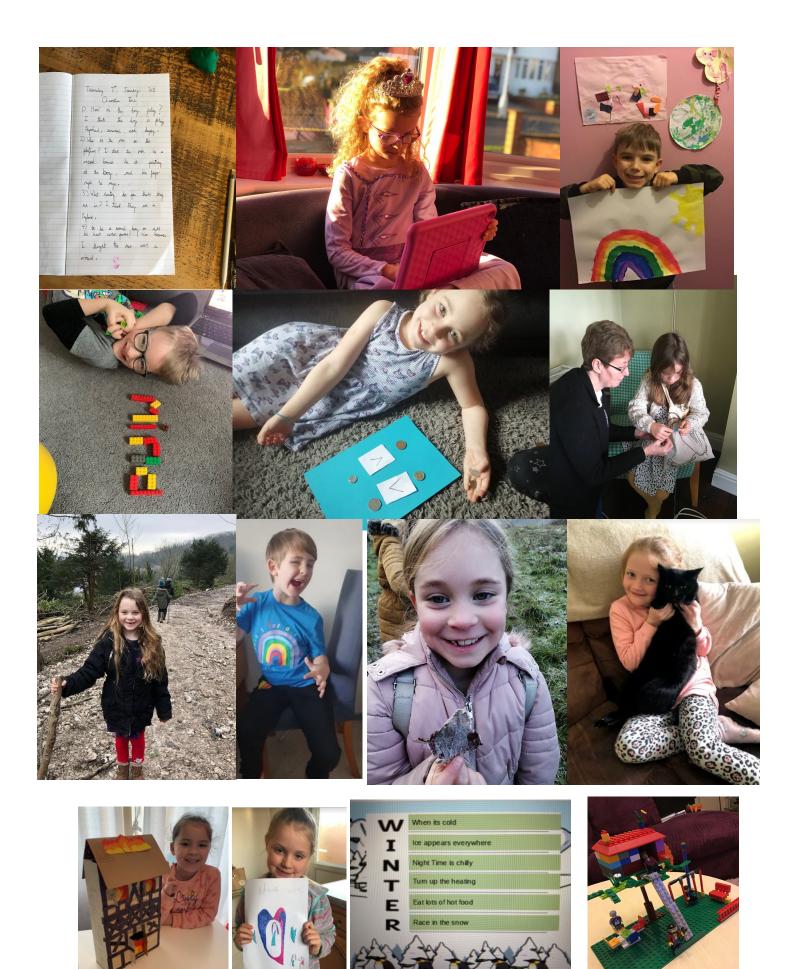
Reading: for banded books sign up to Oxford Owl for free https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/











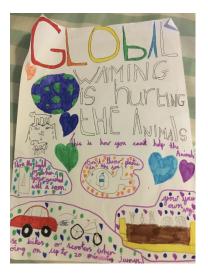
#### **YEAR 3 LEARNING**

Wow, Year 3! How amazing are YOU? You are all so resilient, brave and hardworking. It is a pleasure to be your teachers! The work we have seen on Google Classroom already has been outstanding! We have moved onto our new topic, Extreme Earth - and in Science we have been learning about the layers of the Earth. We then created our own representation of this using different coloured paper! We have also conducted some research about volcanoes and also discovered the key vocabulary used when describing their features! In P.E, we had special 10 minute workouts in the style of Disney's Frozen and Zootropolis! We were able to practice lots of different skills! We have also been learning about how we can save our planet by recycling and being eco friendly! We designed some posters to show this! Lots of children have been consistent in logging into GetEpic and reading a variety of stories on there! Here is a website for you to access coloured banded books in order to practice your reading skills even more: https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/

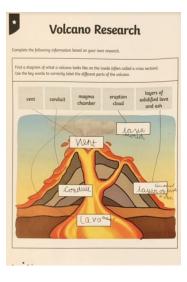
The children in our bubble in school have been working extremely hard and have adapted to this new way of learning so well! We have been working as a team to complete the work that has been set on Google Classroom and have been making the most of the resources available. Where possible, we have spent lots of time outside and have also taken part in wellbeing activities to break up our busy day!













What goes into my Recycling bin?

Why should we recycle?







Here are some fun songs to help us learn our 3, 4 and 8 times tables!

- 3 times tables https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uneATAeac7Q
- 4 times tables <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QU\_E0u-tP4</u>
- 8 times tables <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z\_BJjR9rdwA</u>

# YEAR 4 LEARNING

Well, Year 4...What can we say? What an incredibly resilient, hard working cohort you all are! We are so impressed with all of the amazing things you have done. Please can we say a huge thank you to you for being such superstars, and to your parents as well for supporting you all so fantastically over the last couple of weeks.





At Parkland, we would all like to say a MASSIVE thank you to all of our critical workers at this time. We really appreciate all that you are doing to keep us safe and value everything you are doing during the pandemic.





We would like to share some of your amazing online learning here - we hope you all enjoy! Our new topic this term is all about the Romans and Year 4 got creative and began by designing their own mosaics. I'm sure you will all agree how amazing they all are - what an incredibly creative group we have!

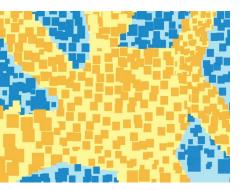
We have been learning all about the digestive system and the organs involved. Elsie has been hard at work creating her very own life-size diagram to locate the organs - what a fantastic

scientist!

Year 4 has also been hard at work designing their posters about how to look after the environment. They have all conducted some fantastic research and found out different ways about how to look after our planet and recycle more. Here are some of Year 4's ideas and posters to encourage us all to recycle more!













use to recycle to, save the environment

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 Plate scrapings, B Food packaging is NoT recyclub

ve should reuse because, it will make the earth clean and they also save our health.

Reuse Plastic bottler, I Glars, Cardboard.

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Food Waste



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Like any great poet and wordsmith, Amy went for a long walk in order to gain inspiration for her poem. Here are some photos that she shared about all of the things she saw, with some wonderful descriptions underneath the photos!

It was really cold and sounded like glass when it broke

#### YEAR 5

Year 5 are becoming very proficient at participating in some home learning lessons that require sharing the same set of slides. In this way we can share our learning and create a bank of useful ideas. We think that you will find our suggestions for home PE lessons very useful:



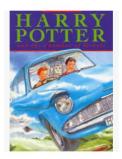
In the classroom, our wonderful Critical Worker children have embraced our topic 'Traders and Raiders' this term, despite missing their friends. They have been working hard to make sure our learning environment is still stimulating. Here are some of our Critical Worker children showing you their Anglo Saxon shields and swords.



It is no surprise that Year 5 have welcomed the new term with a huge desire for even more learning. The new year is a fabulous time to get stuck into a new book. We are sure that there is something recommended here for everybody. Don't forget that every home reading session gets you one step closer to the next reading award. There are so many Year 5 children already determined to get to their gold trophy reading badges.

Joseph recommends the classic by Clive King called **Stig of the Dump.** This fiction book, Joseph says, is suitable for all ages and is about a caveman. It all starts when Barney goes down the chalk pit. A dilapidated scruffy hut is not all he finds.

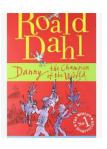




Jasmine M loves **Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets** by JK Rowling. Harry Potter is about to start his second year at Hogwarts. Harry expects it to be a normal year after his experiences the term before but a secret chamber opens, muggle-born students are attacked. Jasmine says, "I recommend this book because it is a magical mystery and there's so much fantasy." People who love magic and mystery will love this story.

This children's version of **War of the Worlds** was one of our Term 2 class books. HG Wells' classic has been retold by Russel Punter. This book has been such a hit that it is recommended by James, Stanley, Erin, Sophia and Elliott. Stanley and James are thrilled by this science fiction chapter book where Martians come to attack the Earth. Erin describes it as "extraordinary" because it is "interesting and imaginative". It's not only the plot that makes this an amazing read. Sophia and Elliott praise the fascinating illustrations. Older children and adults will love this book.





No book list would be complete without a Roald Dahl story.. Coby recommends **Danny the Champion of the World.** Coby says, "All ages would love this story.. So much happens in this great book. The characters are very real."

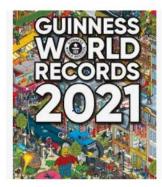
**Cosmic** by Frank Cottrell Boyce is recommended by Madeline. Older children will laugh aloud at the adventures of Liam Digby, a 12 year old, who is so tall that everyone thinks he is an adult. He even ends up in space! "It is so exciting and has funny parts," promises Madeline.



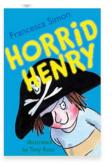


Dav Pilky's **Captain Underpants, the third epic novel** is such a funny book. Kai knows that children aged 7 to 10 will love the humour. Kai says, "This is a very funny book. It's my favourite because I like a good laugh. It has a hero and in every book there is a new villain."

Annaberlle is a fan of Francesca Simon's series of Horrid Henry books. All the books are illustrated by Tony Ross. This very naughty boy has a maddingly good little brother called Perfect Peter.. Annabelle promises it is a fun read!



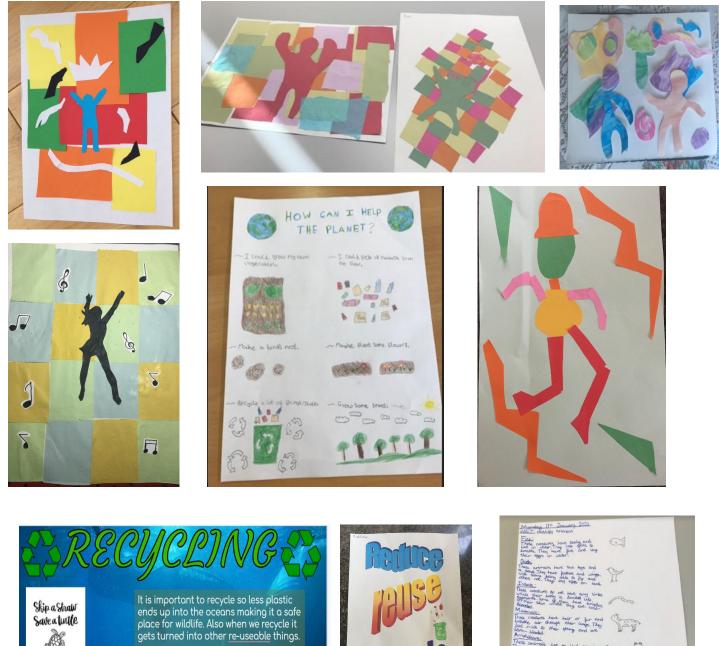
Our final recommendation from Year 5 is an information book. Every year, this is the most popular book in the Year 5 reading corner. Devon and Ted feel older children and adults will enjoy the "funny and interesting facts about what people have done." For example, you can find out about the longest cake or the biggest pizza.



#### **YEAR 6 LEARNING**

Year 6, what can we say? You have made an amazing start to the Term and it has been so rewarding to see so many of you completing your home learning. We knew you were an amazing group of children but this has certainly proved it. Please can we say a huge thank you to you for being such superstars, and to your parents as well for supporting you all so fantastically over the last couple of weeks.

We hope you are enjoying our new topic 'Amazing Americas' and we are sure that you will learn lots of new things. Your work has included: writing a recipe for a revolting smoothie, decimals, finding out about the 'Mayan' civilization, researching ways to save the planet, composing your own music, learning new French vocabulary, classifying animals, designing new boots and art in the style of Henry Matise.



A simple and easy way to reduce plastic pollution is to reuse old containers and use bags for life.

You can recycle many different materials other than plastic such as metal, cardboard ect.



# **INCLUSION TEAM**



The Family Fund is a charity that supports families of children with disabilities and serious illnesses. They provide grants for a wide range of items, such as washing machines, sensory toys, family breaks, bedding, tablets, furniture, outdoor play equipment, clothing and computers. They do have an eligibility

criteria for applicants, take a look and see if you are eligible to apply for one of their grants.

https://www.familyfund.org.uk/

# **Congratulations to the following pupils**



# AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND INFANT SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Inkpen	All of Inkpen Class for their wonderful home learning so far! I am so proud of how hard you've all been working, you really are amazing!	Cody
	Riley - for her brilliant home learning! She has been working so hard on her reading and writing, and been very creative too. What a superstar!	Nya
Kerr	All of Kerr class for their INCREDIBLE home learning! I've been blown away with all the wonderful learning and fun I've seen taking place at home. I couldn't be a prouder teacher. Well done to all the grown ups too. What a great team effort!	Orla
	Elizabeth - for your amazing home learning. I've been so impressed with your perseverance even when things are hard. Well done, Lizzy!	Alex
Shireen	Nathan - for his amazing home learning. Showing such enthusiasm and always trying his best. Nathan has worked really hard with his big sister learning lots of new things. Superstar!	Joe
	Amelia, Hannah and Katie - for working their socks off, they have shown such enthusiasm for the learning videos and have worked so hard especially with their handwritten stories! Amazing Superstars!	Maddox
Donaldson	Sienna - her amazing home learning this week and for always trying so hard in all that she does. We are so proud of you!	Daniel
	Amelia - for having such a positive attitude towards her home learning and for always having a huge smile on her face! Well done you superstar!	Harlie
Santat	Harley- for his diligent work and his thirst for learning. Harley has dived straight into home learning and is absolutely smashing it.	Alannah

	Florence- for her eagerness to learn, Florence always makes sure she has completed everything to a really top notch standard. I can step aside, Santat Class may I present you your new teacher Miss Florence.	Barney
Dahl	Sophie, Poppy, Savannah & Lilly- For their spectacular effort with home learning. Every day, they have been working so hard and learning lots of useful skills. I am so proud of you!	Isabella
	Abigail, Kian & Eric - For an amazing second week of online learning. All three of these children have made a superb effort! Kian has been a great friend, even when he is not physically in the classroom.	Zachary

# AWARDS OF THE WEEK AT PARKLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

Class	Star of the Week and reason	Dojo Winner
Angelou	Sienna - Mrs Modestou put forward Sienna for her hard work and determination in the class room!	Phoebe D
	Ethan - For explaining in full detail on every slide on Google classroom and having a good go at trying some dance!	Alyssa
Jeffers	Amelia - for working extremely hard during this week! Well done!	Bella
	Mollie - for reading the feedback given to her on Google Classroom and for responding to it, making her work even better!	Ethan
Walliams	Neveah B - For working incredibly hard throughout this week – we are so proud of you!	Lewis
		Elsie
	Isaac - For your consistently exceptional work. Well done and keep up all of your amazing efforts!	Freya
	Jack - For continually working so fantastically online – what an absolute superstar!	Jessica N
	Jessica S - For all of her extra-curricular work and being a fantastic member of our pod!	
Blackman	Ebony - For her dedication to Google Classroom and the amazing Christmas homework that she sent in! Well done!	Darren
	Laila - For her amazing DT work and effort with Google Classroom! Well done!	Harry
Lewis	Phoenix for great focus and hard work on Google classroom.	Freya
	Dexter for his amazing narrative writing!	Lilia

Zephaniah	Mason for continued focus when getting to know Google Classroom. Coby for great maths work.	Riley Joshua
Mian	Matthew for trying so hard to correct and improve every piece of work he hands in.	James
Rosen	Patrick and Kieran for your fantastic home learning. You have both really worked hard and produced some amazing work. Well done!	Chloe G

## **PARENT SUPPORT**

Holding space is a local organisation that provides support to parents, families and children who are experiencing mental health issues. Parents can contact Holding Space directly for more information about their sessions which include walk and talk and weekly parent support group meetings.

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#### A MESSAGE FROM FATHER ADAM RANSOM

#### (ST MARY'S HAMPDEN PARK, AND ST PETER, THE HYDNEYE)

With the latest lockdown, many people will be facing further financial difficulties for various reasons.

Please get in touch with me (Father Adam) at **fradamransom@beneficeofhampdenpark.co.uk** if we can help in any of the following areas: Help with food, Winter clothing for children, Hygiene and sanitary products. We are providing vouchers for all of the above for a limited time to help those who are struggling this winter, up to approx. £40 per family. There is limited funding and it will be first come, first served. There is no bar to any of this for those already on different forms of benefits. All I will be asking for is the number of those in the family, what the need is and the post code of the family address. This is for feedback to the council as to how the funding was distributed. Please liaise with me directly and support can be collected directly from the Church Office.

