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THIS WEEK'S NEWS

It has been a really positive week this week.

Lots of learning has been taking place and more engagement is happening at home which is really pleasing. It is not easy - but anything and everything you do at home will have a positive impact for your child. Keep going.

Next Wednesday is well-being Wednesday - there will be no screen-based learning that day. Teachers will share in advance some ideas and activities that your child could do - please do share any photos with your child's teacher.

Today we had a short assembly - it was really lovely to see some of you join us and celebrate some successes of this week.

Some families have ordered hampers but have not collected. This is an awful waste of food. If you have ordered a hamper, please make every effort to collect it. If a family has not collected for two weeks running, we will take you off the list.

One more week to go - keep doing your bit and stay at home. The numbers (despite being still worryingly high) are moving in the right direction. Soon we may be able to gain a bit more normality. Let's hope and pray!

Have a great weekend,

God Bless, Mr Dyson

BEING THANKFUL

This week's gospel reading comes from Mark, and it reminds us how Jesus was a healer. Simon's mother-in-law is sick. She has a fever and is in bed. Jesus arrives at the house, takes her by the hand and helps her out of bed. Immediately she feels better.

Later that day lots of people who were ill came to the place where Jesus was. Some of them may have travelled a long way. Jesus helped them all, curing them and making them feel better. In the midst of a pandemic, we are grateful to all of those who work in care homes, surgeries and hospitals. We pray for the scientists who have worked miracles in finding a vaccine that will hopefully save many lives and gives us all hope.



THIS WEEK'S HEART OF GOLD AWARD WINNERS ARE...



Class 1 - Paige for Aspiration. Paige has been trying so hard with her learning this week. She has persevered when things have got a bit tricky and it has been lovely to see how proud she is of herself when she has achieved what she set out to do. Keep up this positive attitude Paige as you are doing a brilliant job!

Class 2 - Haneen for COURAGE. Haneen has been working really hard at home, and has been doing both the year 1 and 2 maths in order to consolidate her knowledge. What has impressed me is her courage to join in both the year 1 and 2 live maths lessons, and always puts herself forward to answer questions and participate. Well done Haneen.

Class 3 - Freya for COURAGE. Freya has been working so hard this week with her learning. She has been doing some super maths with Mr Dyson, amazing phonics with Miss Grosch and I have seen some brilliant writing. We are all so proud of you Freya. Keep up the good work.

Class 4 - Justin for RESILIENCE. Justin has shown an incredible attitude towards his work in fractions and as a result is now more confident and enjoying his maths.



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LEARNING SUPPORT AND EQUIPMENT FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

Dear parents and carers,

We know that home schooling can be difficult. If you need some help, On Course South West (part of Plymouth City Council) is offering a package of support for families who are finding it difficult.

This support could include:

- Tutor-based support: You can get support in subjects including maths and English specifically planned to help you with home schooling, so that you can help your child when they have questions or need your help.
- Equipment: if you don't currently have a computer/tablet or a broadband connection, they can help you get a laptop and 4G wifi connection (via a dongle) so that your child can access online learning. This equipment will remain available to you for as long as you are being supported by On Course South West.
- Digital skills support: If you're not confident supporting your child online, you can get help with your digital skills, so that you can use tools and online resources with confidence.
- Advice and guidance on wellbeing and other learning support that you might need while home learning continues.

If you live in or near Plymouth (e.g. nearby towns including Saltash, Tavistock, Ivybridge, Liskeard or rural areas surrounding Plymouth) and you think this support could help your child, please call On Course South West on 01752 660713. They'll explain what help is available and help you access the support you need.



This week the children have been exploring the importance of looking after their mental health as part of this year's Children's Mental Health Week. The children have been encouraged to think more about the ways in which they express themselves and the importance of being honest yet considerate of others. We have explored finding creative, enjoyable ways to share our thoughts, feelings and ideas can make us feel good and help our mental health, especially when we face tough situations or difficult times.

Food Hampers

CATERed have been supplying our Free School Meals children with these amazing food hampers.

If you feel your child is entitled to a Free School Meals Hamper, please complete the questions on the below link:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/schoolseducationchildcare/skillsandemployability/schoolmeals>

