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Friday 12th February

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

It seems only yesterday that we were starting the half term after Christmas and here we are at half term already! Of course, it may have seemed longer for some home-schooling parents!

I'd like to thank all our parents for their support in home schooling; we know it is very difficult at times. I know the staff have tried very hard to make their lessons interesting, relevant and manageable for the children and I'd like to thank all the staff too for their care and effort.

The most recent information from government seems to suggest that schools might be back from the 8th March; which is two weeks after the end of half term. I pray that this is so, as we'd dearly love to see all our pupils in person again and we all know they would dearly love to be in to see their friends (and even their teachers!) Mr Johnson will lay out his plans on the 22nd February and we all hope that this will include full opening of Primary Schools. In the meantime, we have two weeks of distanced learning to continue with after half term and we will continue to take care to provide quality learning. Please contact us if you think we can help you in any way.

The Wednesday of Half Term is Ash Wednesday. In order to mark this Holy Day of Obligation, we will be starting the new half term with a special Lenten Assembly on Monday morning 22nd February at 9am. Please try to observe Ash Wednesday in your homes with your families with a short prayer service or by tuning into a livestreamed mass on Wednesday – St John the Baptist is streaming mass at 7.30am, 10am and 7.30pm.

[Livestream – St John the Baptist Catholic Church, Purley \(johnthebaptistpurley.org.uk\)](http://johnthebaptistpurley.org.uk)

The Great Margaret Roper Bake Off!

Get your bake on during half term and enter our first ever Margaret Roper Bake Off. You could make anything – a cake, biscuits, cookies, cupcakes, pies or pudding

Send your pictures in by 3pm on Monday 22nd February 2021 with subject line 'Bake Off' to violet@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk

Winners will be announced in Celebration Assembly on Friday 26th February – There will be trophies!

NB – Mr Mooney is also entering and is practising his Victoria Sponge!

Captain Sir Tom Moore Half Term Challenge

During Half Term we would like you to take on the 'a century of Captain Tom challenge' to honour Captain Sir Tom Moore. This challenge involves everyone doing/creating/making 100 of something. Can you think of 100 things that you could do? (not necessarily in one go)

Here are some examples:

- 100 star jumps
- 100 laps of your garden (like Captain Tom!)
- Making a 100 link paperchain
- Drawing 100 hearts
- 100 minutes of dancing
- 100 minutes of silence
- 100 keep me ups
- counting to 100
- or even 100 acts of kindness!

It can be anything you can do 100 off, THINK BIG!!!

We'd love to see you all join in - please send any pictures of you and your challenge in to us and we will compile them all together for the newsletter. Subject line 100 challenge. Again – we're looking to award trophies!

Send a picture or account of what you did to violet@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk

Stars of the week

Congratulation to all our stars of the week

Class	Stars of the week
RED	Xavy and Rocco
ORANGE	Stanley and Mirin
YELLOW	Miran and Alice
GREEN	Felix and Ella
BLUE	James and Tom
INDIGO	Tymek and Harry
AMETHYST	Joseph and Leah
VIOLET	Faithful and Leo

Birthdays – Happy birthday for this week and into half term to:

Armaan 9th Feb, Gabriella 16th Feb, Avon 17th Feb, Daniel M 20th Feb, Gabrielle 20th Feb, Stephen 21st Feb

Devices for pupils: We have a limited number of devices available for loan to pupils if you are finding it difficult to share at home. Please contact Mr Mooney head@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk if you would like to borrow one.

Thank you all so much for your continued support

Have a good half term

Mr Mooney & Miss Holloway

Caring, Learning and Achieving together as part of God's Family