

Thursday, 04 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

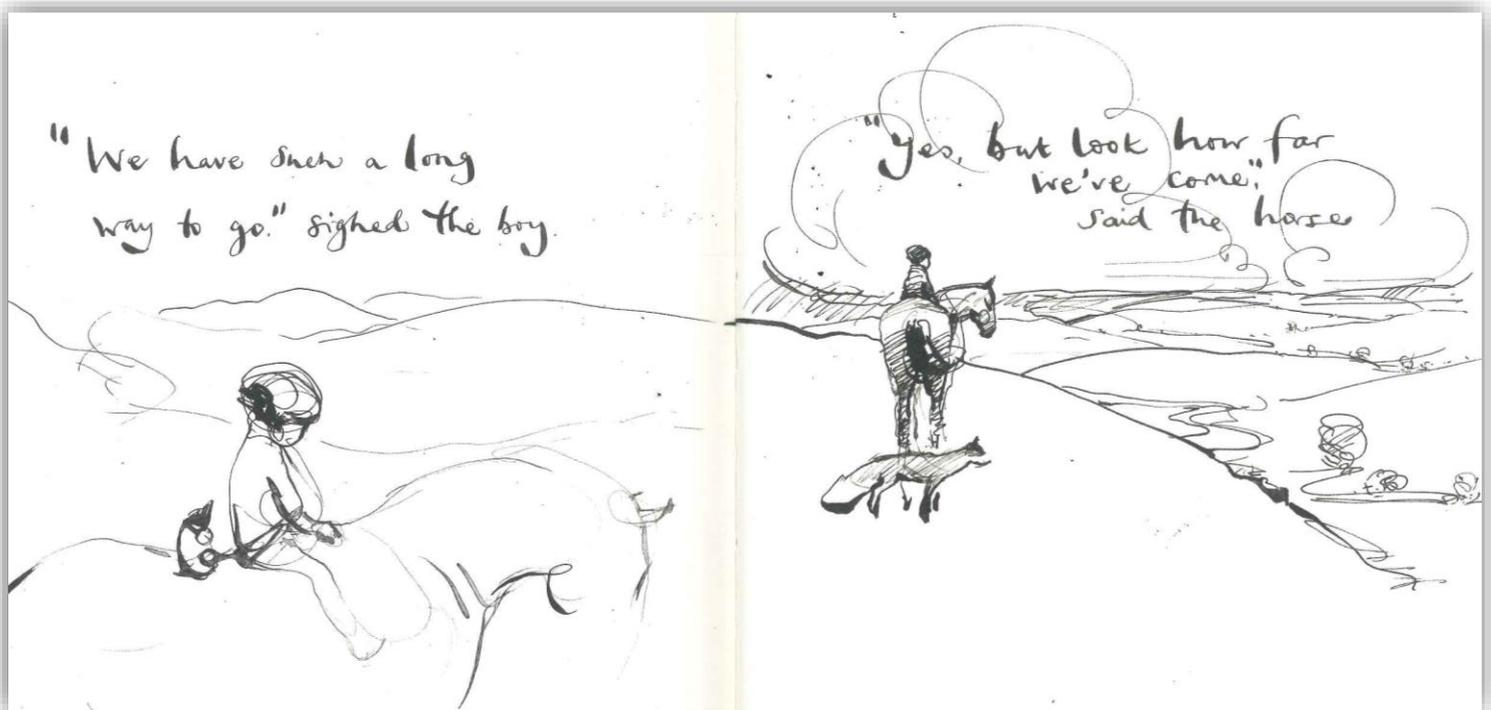
RE: Newsletter No17

I hope you are well and keeping safe! It has been lovely to have a few glimpses of sun over the last few days, hope for the better weather to come! Every day there are 3 more minutes of sunlight – which just makes me feel like the day doesn't disappear quite so quickly.

From the conversations I've had and the messages we've received from families – many of us may be hitting the remote learning wall! As the weeks go on, it does become harder to keep going, keep the children engaged and be motivated ourselves, let alone the children! We are feeling it too at the moment.

This is when what I said in my video becomes even more important – this storm will pass. Hang on in there!

The very next page from the ones I showed on Monday in Charlie Mackesy's book has this:



We often get caught up in the things we've yet to do (or everything we haven't been able to do) and forget about all that has actually been achieved. Each day, we do achieve many things – small and big – and these need to be celebrated and acknowledged. This helps us feel less helpless and enables us to take each day one at a time. Then large things are achieved – gradually, step by step, over time.

So do take some time – perhaps in the evening, when the children are soundly asleep with a drink of your choice in hand – to reflect on all that **you** (and your children!) have achieved and how far you've come in just a few short weeks. You really have achieved a lot!



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Some news and reminders:

Children's Mental Health Week – Dress to Express!

Wear something colourful on Friday (tomorrow) to the daily Google Meet session! (and for those in school).

In school this week we have been getting creative, celebrating our individuality. **It'd be great to include some photos from home in my video on Monday**; so if you've got photos of your creative things from the last week or so, please upload them on Google Classroom – I've posted in all the classrooms and you can just add a photo you'd like me to include as a comment to my post! If you can't post to Google Classroom (Reception and Nursery children for example!), then you can email them to the school office:

admin@allsaints.herts.sch.uk

I'll include as many as I can!

The charity that organises this event is called Place2Be who provide a number of services to schools such as staff training, one to one support for children and young people and drop in sessions for children to discuss worries and concerns. If your parents would like to donate to Place2Be for the Dress to Express Day, we have set up a Just Giving Page, which is linked below.

You can donate to our JustGiving page by clicking here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/all-saints3>

All Saints Cheer-up

Thank you Esmee, Ananya and Aadhya for your videos this week! If you'd like to share a joke, please do email me on jokes@allsaints.herts.sch.uk – I'll either use them in my newsletters or add them to my weekly video (if you fancy recording one!).

Part of The Puzzle – Part of the Community

Have you had chance to do your puzzle piece yet? If not, there's still plenty of time! The template is attached again – simply decorate it and display it in a window! When we return, bring it in and we'll add it to our display in school. You can always send a photo of yours in as your creative activity (see above).

Festival of Literature: 2nd – 12th February

We've been invited to join in with this year's Festival of Literature at Bishop's Stortford College. I've attached the days and times of year group specific events – **the link for joining in the planned events will be posted on Google Classroom/Tapestry**. Please do join in!

Don't worry if you miss any of the events or if they clash with something else – you can use the same link to watch replays of all of the events!

If you'd like to explore the festival, or join any of the other events, please go to their website: <https://www.festivalofliterature.co.uk/>



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Daffodils!

Y2 and Breakfast Club in school have been decorating the place with daffodils. Look out for more about daffodils later this term!



Kandinsky Inspired Artwork in Oak Class (Reception)



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Year 1 Portrait Gallery



**Can you guess
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A Prayer for the Nation – Schools and Education

We pray for all those involved in the shaping of young lives.
We give God thanks for the sacrifice and commitment of teachers, parents, and all those involved in serving children and young people in education.
We pray that all might be nurtured and cared for and that every needful resource would be made available – that all lives can flourish even in these difficult times and that no-one would be overlooked.

Taken from: <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/prayer-nation>

And finally... remembering Captain Sir Tom Moore

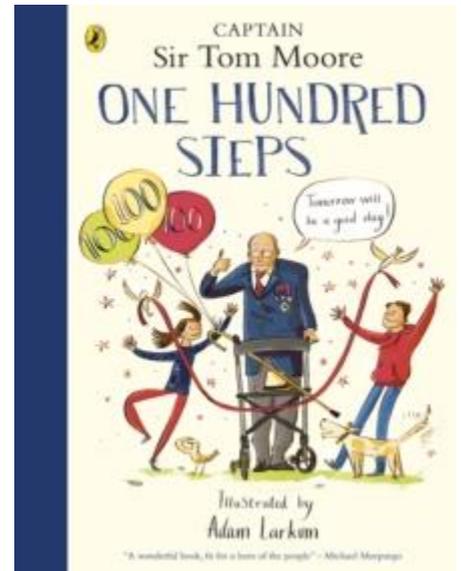
This week the nation has been remembering and celebrating someone who we at All Saints have also used as inspiration for our own resilience in lockdown. Captain Tom has come to symbolise the spirit of determined hope for getting through this difficult time together. Perhaps some of you joined in the clap yesterday evening.

Last year, he published a book and there is a video of him reading it with his grandson. He ends the session with this quote:

For all those finding it difficult, the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away.

Remember, tomorrow will be a good day.

- Captain Sir Tom Moore



You can watch the whole video here: https://youtu.be/sE3D0_oXGwQ

Take care, keep safe, and remember to wash your hands!

Kind regards,
Philip Asher, *Headteacher*



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Additional Help for Families

Below are a list of organisations and places you can find help and support if you need it:

- Aspects Family Support - <http://www.aspects.org.uk/> or telephone 01279 758134
- Citizens Advice Bureau - 03444 111 444 or: <https://citizensadviceeastherts.org.uk/>
- Children's Centre - <https://www.hertsfamilycentres.org/family-centres.aspx>
- Bishops Stortford Food Bank – bsfoodbank.coordinator@gmail.com or on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/pg/bsfoodbank/about/?ref=page_internal
- Hertfordshire Children's Services – <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/childrens-social-care/childrens-social-care.aspx> or 0300 123 4034
- Family Lives - <https://www.familylives.org.uk/> or telephone 0808 800 2222
- Action for Children - <https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/what-we-do/parents-and-families/>
- NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
- Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/> or telephone 0800 1111
- School Nursing Team - <https://www.hct.nhs.uk/our-services/school-nursing/>
- Stay Strong website: www.staystrong.org.uk

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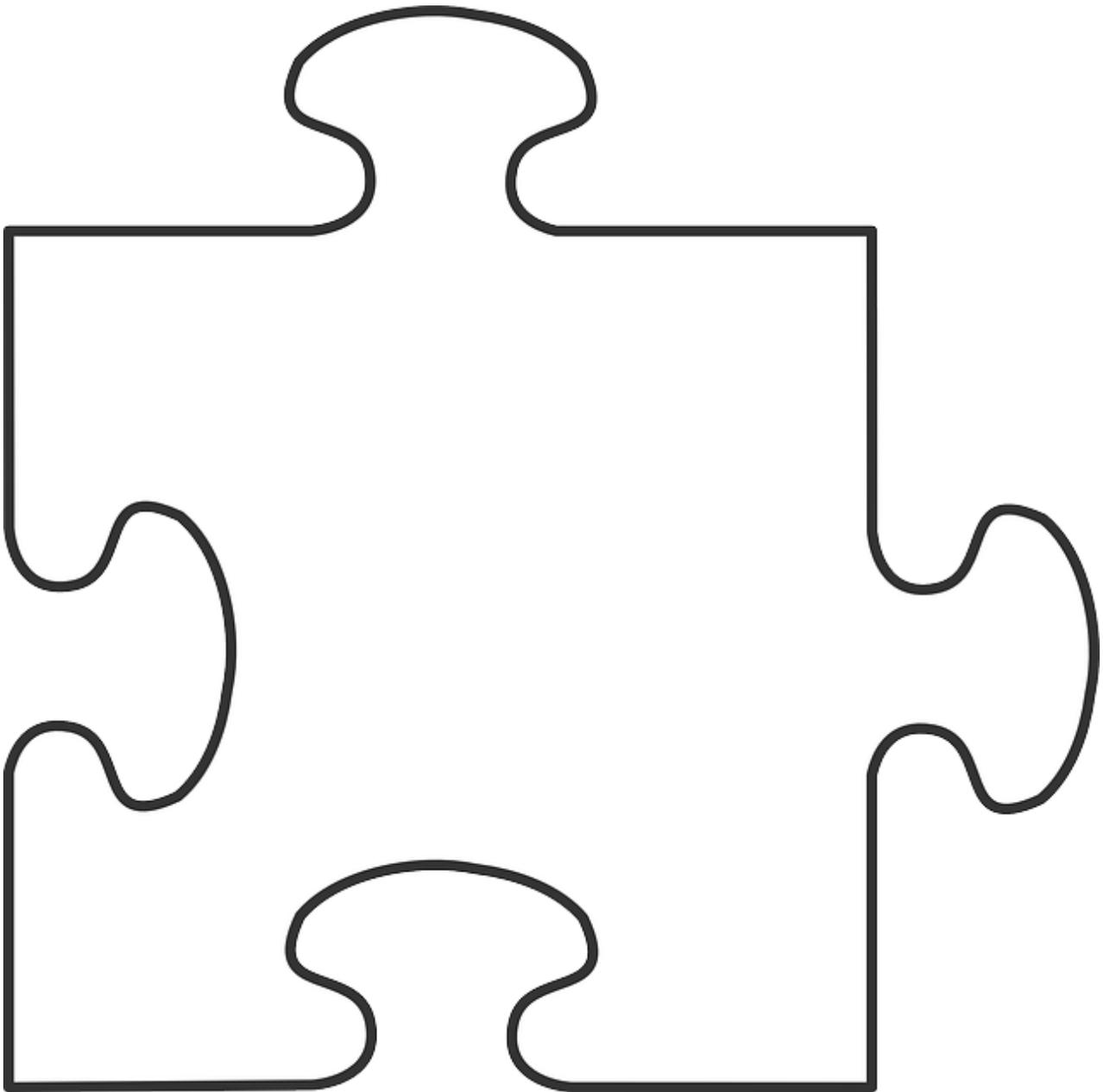
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We are all part of the puzzle and we all have a part to play in these difficult times. Fill the puzzle piece below with words, drawings, colours, collage etc. that represent you or your family. Place it in your window next week during Children's Mental Health week. When we return to school, bring it in and we'll add it to the school puzzle display.

If you can't print this out at home, draw your own jigsaw puzzle outline and use that!



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