



20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Good evening everyone.

I sincerely hope you are all safe and well. I am sure new routines are now beginning to become established. The recent Government announcement has confirmed we remain on the same footing and School will continue to follow these guidelines as before.

I would like to welcome you all to the start of Summer Term – a Summer term like no other we will have experienced before. As you will appreciate the School, remains closed except for providing Child-Care for Critical Workers. WPS welcomed the children into school this morning and it was a treat to see such smiley faces.

You will find new materials and learning opportunities that have been planned for the week ahead via the Class Pages on the School Website [www.werrington.peterborough.sch.uk](http://www.werrington.peterborough.sch.uk) . You will recall in my previous Newsletter I signposted the BBC Bitesize resources and platform which launched today. This is also being hosted via BBC iPlayer and the BBC Red Button. The further videos and teaching resources will work in harmony with school based resources. Our Teachers are drawing upon a range of existing platforms to facilitate Learning Away from School which the children will be familiar with. Over recent weeks the Oak National Academy has been formed to support Teachers with this challenge and it is likely you will see some of these resources being used or referenced. The resources are available via <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom> and may well provide you some great support.

Please forgive me - but I have not led an assembly for some weeks now and 18 years of Headship creates an irrepressible urge to launch into sharing some thoughts. So please bare with me as I hope to reflect and shine a light on some inspiration for everyone.

I am sure you will have heard about Captain Tom and his 100 lap garden fund raising challenge. The public's response to this remarkable gentleman an ex Yorkshire Regiment soldier has been quite staggering to watch unfold. Considering his advancing years he felt compelled to do his bit and raise awareness and funds for our amazing NHS – NHS Charities Together. I am sure that when he was sat in his armchair he could not have ever considered that his challenging fund raising target of £1000 would be absolutely smashed, exceeding not just £1 million but by tens of millions of pounds. At the time of writing he has raised £27 million. I have often reflected during my time as a Teacher that from small acorns do mighty oaks grow and wow, what a story Captain Tom's is. One of the many privileges we have as Parents/Carers and Teachers is to see children grow in a myriad of ways. I hope the extended time you are currently having with your children is providing

opportunities to see the amazing things they are capable of. This may include getting into a wobble and entering the 'pit of learning' only to emerge triumphantly having managed to work out a solution or apply their learning in a different way to achieve success. Another key message I have been left with from Captain Tom's story is something I heard him say repeatedly which was that tomorrow is another day and it will get better. I have always been an advocate of making the very best of what we have and to really appreciate the small things in life. I truly believe we are all in the process of re-aligning our expectations and to fully appreciate what we have. No matter what – tomorrow is another day, a new chance and a new opportunity. I wonder what great things tomorrow will bring you?

In the meantime please do keep safe and well and please say another huge hello to the children from me!

Yours sincerely,

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