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We've fought so many battles and we've always won, and we're going to win again. Please remember tomorrow is a good day and we will get through it in the end.

**Captain Tom Moore**



5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

## Punctuality

For those children attending school, please ensure they arrive for class between 8.45 and 9am so that the teachers can start their lessons promptly. Thank you.

## Half Term

School closes on Friday, 12th February for half term. Although there are the lockdown restrictions in place, we hope that over the half term break children and adults alike can have a well deserved break away from screens.

## Return to School

You will be aware that the government is hoping that schools can start to re-open fully on 8th March. There are no further details about this yet although our understanding is that there will be an update on Monday, 22nd February. We will, of course, pass on our plans for fully re-opening as soon as we get the information.

*We are here for you in school if you need anything.  
Please phone us even if it is just for a friendly chat.*

## Childcare

There are several ways that parents and carers can continue to access childcare:

*Early years settings (including nurseries and childminders) remain open.*

*Childminders should continue to allow children to attend as normal except for school-aged children. Childminders caring for school-aged children (including reception children) should only admit vulnerable children and children of critical workers.*

*Parents are able to form a childcare bubble with one other household for the purposes of informal childcare, where the child is under 14. This is mainly to enable parents to work, and must not be used to enable social contact between adults.*

*Some households will also be able to benefit from being in a support bubble.*

## Twitter

If you use Twitter, please follow us on Twitter (@lancylane.)

## Home Learning

Thank you so much for trying so hard with the home learning. We know it isn't easy. Please remember we absolutely understand that every family's situation is different so you must do what is right for your family. There is always someone in school to talk about your child if they are struggling; please do not suffer in silence.

## Safer Internet Day

We will be taking part in the annual Safer Internet Day on Tuesday, 9th Feb. The theme for this year is: An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world. The teachers will be planning activities both online and in school as part of this.

## National Kite Flying Day

Did you know Monday is National Kite Flying day? Why not see what materials you have at home to make a kite with and have a go at flying one? We'd love to see your pictures on @LancyLane on twitter or emailed to Mrs Geldard ([head@lancasterlane.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@lancasterlane.lancs.sch.uk))

## International Women and Girls in Science Day – Thursday 11th

This year's theme is Beyond the Borders: Equality in Science for Society. With schools closed and limited opportunities for outdoor activities, learning at home has become a challenge for parents all around the world.

Helping combat the boredom, the James Dyson Foundation has 44 of the best science and engineering tasks to keep the mind ticking over during this period.

<https://www.dyson.co.uk/newsroom/overview/update/top-five-engineering-challenges-to-do-at-home>

## Goodbye and thank you

On Friday, Y5 say goodbye to Miss Drinkwater as she completes her teaching practice in our school. She will be missed and I am sure we all wish her every success in her future teaching career.

## And finally ....

And finally .... Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best. Bob Talbert.



## Early Learners Pre-School



The children in Early Learners have worked together to connect the bikes using the links.

## Outside Achievements

A Year 4 mum has been keeping herself positive in these difficult times whilst making a difference to someone else's life. She has run the distance of 2 marathons to raise money for a boy called Tom who she saw on Granada News desperately needs an operation.

She found it tough in the snow, ice and storms but completed it this morning.

Her daughter Libby is super proud – as are we!

**Well done, what a great achievement!**



## Online Safety Tip - Parental Controls

Parental controls help you to block or filter upsetting or inappropriate content, and control purchases within apps. You can install parental control software on your child's and family's phones or tablets, games consoles, laptops and your home internet.

Parental controls can help you to:

***plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for***  
***create content filters to block apps that may have inappropriate content***  
***manage the content different family members can see.***

**Your home internet** providers can offer parental controls for your child. You can:

*use a filter from your internet provider to control the content that you and your family see.*

*set up any device connected to your home broadband. How you do this depends on your provider and you'll need to access your home router. You can visit Internet Matters website for step-by-step guides on how to do this.*

*make sure your child uses the internet through WiFi instead of through 3G, 4G or 5G. Otherwise parental controls won't work.*

Most **games consoles** have internet access, which means your child can go online and chat with other players or make in-game purchases. The controls on your games console help you to manage what your child does.

On some devices you can:

*set up different profiles for each family member*

*deactivate the internet*

*turn off chat functions to stop your child from talking to people they don't know.*

### Film, music and TV subscriptions

To help prevent your child seeing upsetting or inappropriate content online, you can:

*explore with your child what they're doing online before they do it, you can then decide what's age-appropriate.*

*set up parental controls on smart TVs and services like Netflix, Sky, BBC iPlayer and YouTube, so your child can only watch age-appropriate shows and TV.*

