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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been so exciting to see some things returning to 'normal' after the Easter break. We are obviously watching the data very carefully but it has been good to see the return of a variety of after school clubs and instrumental music lessons. It has been a delight, after more than a year, to hear the tunes of the violins, brass and woodwind ringing out in the corridors again! Please look at the school website or contact the school if your child would like to join in with any of these extra-curricular opportunities.

Today, which would have been Capt Sir Tom's 101st birthday, the children have been taking part in the Captain Tom 100 challenge. His simple message of hope – "Tomorrow will be a good day" – inspired millions around the world and brought comfort and joy to so many during the pandemic. Please see Twitter for photographs of the activities they have been taking part in and follow the link here if you would like to make a donation: <https://captaintom100.com/>

Also with this letter, I have attached the details of the Royal Mail's 'Heroes Stamp Design Competition' honouring the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic... on stamps. As a school, we would like to take part and I will talk about this in my assemblies with the children next week. The entry forms will be sent home for the children to complete and return to school by Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021. All entries will then be sent on together from the school.

In my assemblies this week we have been discussing 'democracy' and the rights of the child. The children have then been encouraged to use their 'voice' and complete 'The Big Ask' - a questionnaire designed by the Children's commissioner to gather the thoughts and feeling of children across the UK. Children in Years 2-6 will complete the questionnaire in school but Reception and Year 1 pupils will need to complete this at home with you as there are also some questions for you. There is also a questionnaire for all parents and adults who work with children to complete to share their views. <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigask/>

Have a lovely long weekend!

Kind regards

Mrs Simpkins

