



Pott Shrigley Church School

Church of England Aided Primary



*"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other,
just as in Christ, God forgave you"*

HEADS UP

Dear parents

LOCKDOWN 3, week two = DONE ✓

This week I was directed to a TED talk by a lady called Jaz entitled 'Everyday Heroes'. It's not an easy watch and I won't deny that I cried pretty much all the way through. It refers to teachers as heroes and I truly believe that our staff at Pott Shrigley are heroic but I also wanted you to know that you are all doing a heroic job yourself. Whether you are working with a compliant 10 year old, juggling toddlers and fractions or desperately trying to work from home whilst also learning about Islam, we know that teaching your own child at home is extremely difficult and we want you to know that **we appreciate your efforts and applaud your tenacity**. We all have children at home ourselves and we struggle to get them to do what we think they ought to be doing (reading, being sociable, drying the dishes with our Pott Shrigley tea towel etc.).

Our message to you is thank you and go easy on yourselves.

Get your tissues ready:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q3xoZXS5yc>

Whilst you are trying to be a teacher, it is worth remembering that you will often undoubtedly be asking the children to do things that they simply don't want to do. Persuasive techniques, positive discipline (bribery) and giving them a limited choice could help. Consistency is key. The NSPCC have good parenting advice which may be also be helpful [Positive parenting | NSPCC Learning](#).

[Children's Mental Health Week 2021](#) is the first week in February and the theme is *EXPRESS YOURSELF*. We intend to spend the afternoons thinking about this in school and we will share our ideas with you next week.

As always, if you are struggling or worried, please give us a call and we will do our best to help. I hope that you enjoy some relaxing family time over the weekend.

Kind Regards

Joanne Bromley

Head Teacher