

### Supporting our children and their families during Lockdown

The staff have done a remarkable job supporting the children's ongoing education both in school and at home. We have welcomed over 100 eligible children into school each day, they have been taught as normal in their classrooms. The other two thirds of the school population have been taught at home by their teacher in conjunction with the magnificent support from their parents.

Teachers were never trained to teach children virtually from home so have quickly had to adapt to planning and delivering online lessons to the children on a daily basis. Some families have required support with suitable devices to use to access the lessons. Laptops from the Department for Education have been loaned out to them which has certainly helped.

The virtual lessons have come in the form of live sessions and recordings with work being set for the children to complete and submit to their teacher to mark. The work that the children have completed has been excellent.



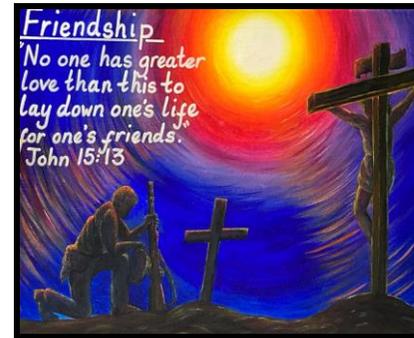
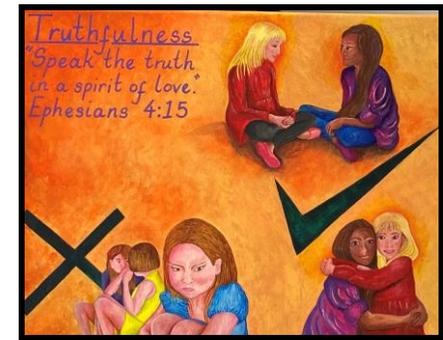
Lucy conducting her Science experiment.



Madeline with her erupting Volcano!

### Virtual Worships

Virtual Phase Team Worships have been held to support the children's well-being with a focus upon the schools Christian Values and the festival of Candlemas. Mrs Hayden joined me for one of the Worships to share with us the wonderful pieces of art work she has created based upon Friendship, Truthfulness, Courage and Responsibility. Along with the biblical quotes, the art work articulates a modern day interpretation of the values for the children to understand. These will be erected around school and will look amazing.



### Junior Support Base

The vast majority of the JSB children have been attending school each day. They have been reading a book called 'A Tale of Two Feathers'. Some children have been re-telling the story and have made their own book. Other children worked on a persuasive poster, asking for help to find out who the feather belongs to. They also experienced an Art afternoon with Mrs Hayden, which was a fabulous success. The children are all amazing artists too. They were inspired by their day supporting 'The Great British Bird Watch'. Since the bird count and creating a feeding station, the children have been keenly watching out for feathered visitors on the school site.



Best wishes, take care everyone,  
Richard Unthank, Head Teacher, St. Peter's C of E Primary School