



Friday 23rd April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to let you know that we are taking part in a competition run by Royal Mail - **"Honouring the heroes of the pandemic... on a stamp"**.

Information from Royal Mail:

For more than 50 years, Royal Mail's Special Stamp programme has commemorated British history and achievement. Stamps have also been issued to honour the achievements of many British people. Often, the people who appear on stamps are already famous. They include scientists and explorers, writers, artists, musicians, athletes, and Prime Ministers.

Since the coronavirus pandemic began, there have been many people who have done great things. Many of them are not famous, but they have done extraordinary work. These are the people who have helped us all through a really difficult time. Some are frontline workers in health care, others look after elderly or vulnerable people.

Millions of key workers have kept the country going when most of us were told to stay home for our own safety. As well as this, there have been many people who volunteered to help people in their communities who needed support. We think that what these people have done makes them heroes, so Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps.

The stamps will feature designs created by eight school-aged children. We are asking our young designers to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour. A



special panel of judges will pick the winning designs. The final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty The Queen before they can be printed and issued.

How to enter:

Next week, teaching staff will share a presentation to the children, explaining the competition and discussing their heroes of the pandemic. The children will then receive an official competition entry form. We ask that children who would like to take part in the stamp design competition complete their design at home. All completed entries need to be returned to the class teacher by **Friday 21st May**.

You can visit the [competition website](#) for more information about entry requirements from Royal Mail. Please also read the attached document explaining how Royal Mail will use your child's information if they win the competition.

We are excited to be taking part in this competition and are really looking forward to seeing all of the children's competition entries.

Good luck!

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