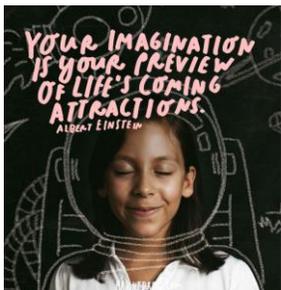


## Amazing Acts and Fabulous Humans!

This week I would like to celebrate an amazing human. At 106, Connie Titchen, from Birmingham, is the oldest known person in Britain to have survived Covid-19. The great-grandmother-of-eight, who has lived through both world wars and the Spanish flu pandemic which killed millions, was admitted to hospital with suspected pneumonia in mid-March. She tested positive for Covid-19, but after just three weeks she had made a full recovery.



## Thought for the Week



## Hello from Ashley House



Welcome back! I hope you have all managed to have a relaxing half term and have been enjoying this glorious weather. It has officially been the driest May since 1896, what a contrast to a few months ago when we were dealing with floods!

Did any of you manage to see the launch of the Falcon 9 rocket? This is such an exciting time in space history and it takes us one step further to the possibility of making space travel accessible to all. If money was no object, would you travel into space and become one of the world's first astro tourists?

Have a good week and make sure you check the school website for any new work set by your teachers.

## Keeping in Touch

As this is a new half term, your form tutors will be getting in touch again. Please answer their emails as it is our way of checking that you are doing okay and managing to access and complete your school work.

It is also really nice for us to hear from you, it's been a long time since we have seen your cheery faces!

Remember Instagram, I'll be putting daily updates on there, including our progress with the 2.6 Challenge, we will be continuing with this until the end of term. I would love to be able to post Mr Gibbins completing the next challenge for Ashley House.

Follow this link to our Just Giving page-

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nicola-s-26-challenge>

Every little helps, even £1. We only have £20 left to reach our next target of £100.



## News from the Farm

It has been a busy half term on the small holding. It was shearing time for our sheep, they have really been struggling with the heat. Could you imagine being out in 25 degrees with a thick woolly jumper on? They came back from their haircut looking very bedraggled and half the size, but happy to be cooler.

We also moved our sheep onto a new field to make sure that they have enough grass. With all this dry weather, our grass isn't growing quick enough to keep up with the greedy sheep!

The field is 5 minutes up the lane from us but we didn't expect a neighbour to find us, in a panic, to say that the sheep have escaped and were running down the lane! We managed to find them in a very beautiful and well kept garden, helping themselves to the stunning roses. I don't think our neighbours were too impressed, but it was a bit of excitement on an otherwise peaceful day.

Dexter the calf is growing well and we are now waiting for the final calf to arrive. Unfortunately, we lost a calf, it was not breathing when it was born. This is really sad news, but it is also a big part of looking after and raising animals. We are now making sure that the mum is happy and healthy, it was the first time she had a calf and next year she will make an amazing mum.