

Principal's Message

It certainly doesn't feel like the last day of term! I hope that you are all well and staying safe. We have been thinking of you, and I want to let you know that the teachers are planning all sorts of fabulous learning for the children, for after the Easter holiday period, and for when they return to school.

I've enjoyed reading the letters which you have sent in: thank you, Luke and Katelyn for yours – they really cheered me up, and so I read them out loud to the teachers via my video link! The staff have also really valued the email feedback they've had from parents and carers, telling them about what the children have been doing and making at home while they are away from school.

I can only continue to encourage you all to do what you can – read, draw, make something; share with and care for each other; exercise; and let friends and family who do not live with you, somehow, know that you are thinking of them. I know of one pupil who has a set time each day when he Facetimes his mama and reads to her – they both love it – and now his mama also loves Horrid Henry!

We have had a very small group of children (between 5 and 9) attending school each day. They are not always the same children, as parents only send them on the days they need to, in the knowledge that they are safest at home unless their parents are carrying out their essential jobs. The children at school have enjoyed having my little dog, Tim, joining them while they worked. Although that was not the case on Wednesday afternoon, when he disgraced himself by eating one of the chocolate crispy cakes which they had made. Ivy-Rose, Tim says, "It's *impawtant* to taste *efurry* thing. Your Easter nests really are my *fafurite*!"

I've also enjoyed a wave and long distance conversation with those of you who have been to pick up your vouchers.

So we now enter a 'holiday period' which may not feel much like a holiday. We are keeping school open for the children of essential workers, on the days when they need help looking after their children. School will not be open on Monday or Tuesday, as no children needed to attend on those days - this allows the site staff to socially distance when possible, too.

A few of us will be in school from Wednesday onwards, and ready to answer your queries, or simply have a chat on the phone if you'd like to.

Stay strong. We'll see you sometime soon.

Ms Bromley