



Hi Harrison, Jake, Kieran, Davy-Jae, Tyler, George, George, Ryan, Ollie, Alfie, Jake, Evie, Ethan, Jack, Faith, Lewis, Jensen, Lottie and Archie!

How are you all this week? Did you have a great half term and a well-deserved break from home learning, or school learning for those of you in school at the moment?

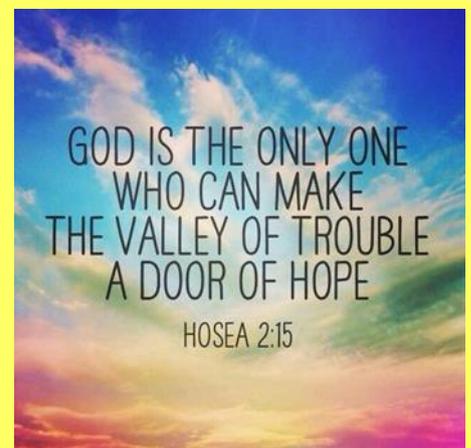
I hope you are well, keeping smiling and helping your family out at home. So many of your parents have sent in photographs or told me the different ways that you are contributing to home life – tidying up, going for walks or joining in with parents exercise regimes, cooking tea and baking treats ( see application form for Junior Bake Off at the bottom of this letter!) or reading to isolated relatives.

These are the skills that will take you forward in life as an adult and really enhance your personalities, helping you to shine brightly in your family, community and wider society. When I hear about how you have all shown resilience, compassion and courage during this difficult time, it fills me with HOPE.



Hope is such a key emotion at this time of year isn't it?

Over half term, Andrew, Alexander, Alice and I went for lots of walks and I was thrilled to see so many signs of Spring; daffodils, catkins, crocuses and buds on trees. The birds are very noisy at the moment as they call for a mate and begin their preparations for nest building and the arrival of new chicks. You may have even seen new born lambs in the fields which always make my heart melt! Spring is a season of hope as the new year begins to bounce into action with the promise of warmer weather, more time spent outside and lighter evenings to enjoy.



Spring is also the season in which we celebrate Lent – for some people, Lent may be an endurance, a time when they test themselves by giving up something which features in their everyday lives. However, Lent is also a time of great hope when we can turn to God and reflect on His great love for us all – all God really wants us to give up is our heart to Him!

Of course, this year, we also have the great hope of the Coronavirus vaccine which is being rolled out at tremendous speed across the whole of the UK. Due to this success, we are now FINALLY looking forward to gathering together as a whole school family again on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. I, for one, cannot wait! I cannot wait to become Alice and Alexander's full time mum again instead of their part time teacher (I know many of your parents feel the same!) Neither can I wait to have my wonderful Class 5 together again – I have missed you so much and have lots of plans for an exciting Summer term to end our time at Lea Endowed.



Next week, you will discover which high school you have been allocated and I know you are all hoping for your first choices. Going to high school is a time of real hope. You are growing up, ready for new challenges and the chance to spread your wings. You will make new friends, experience new lessons and prepare for the next stage in your life journey. Don't worry if you feel nervous or worried – these are totally natural emotions and talking openly and honestly with your adults, myself included, will reassure you that you will be fine and you will continue to shine in your new environment.



So, HOPE is everywhere! The sunny weather seems to symbolise a move forward for us all and I really cannot wait to see your bright smiles and listen to your funny tales when we all return to school on the 8<sup>th</sup> March. In the meantime, work hard, sleep lots and enjoy the week ahead.

Lots of love and a big hug,

Mrs Bolton xx

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