



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

Can you believe that we are at the end of Lockdown Week 3? It seems like a long time since we were all together, celebrating Christmas and we really do miss all of you!

How are you all? I hope that you are all keeping well and staying safe with your family. I know that there are a couple of our class isolating at the moment and I want you to know that we are all thinking of you and looking forward to seeing you again really soon!

Isolating is hard – do you remember when our whole class needed to isolate back in October? It takes courage to determine that you are going to keep to the rules and not go out and mix with our family and friends which is what we all love to do. I found this passage on my phone the other day and I thought of my wonderful Year 6 class!

#### **Shout out to the KIDS.**

Everyone is applauding everyone but our children. These little heroes have stayed indoors more than they've ever known in their lives. Their whole worlds have literally been turned upside down. All these rules they've never known. A life they couldn't have imagined. All the things they love like sports, being with friends, going to school, or just being kids have all been taken away from them. Adults talking about others becoming unwell, news reporting death after death. Our poor children's minds must be racing. Every day they get up and carry on despite all that's going on. So here's to our little heroes: today, tomorrow, forever.

You are all doing brilliantly during this most unusual of times. Miss Wilson sent a message, asking you all to keep smiling and to try and get some fresh air, even if only in your garden. It's pouring down with rain today but (adults look away!) remember, mud is good!

Are you all enjoying Zoom? Thank you to all your adults who are giving such positive feedback and letting me know how you are all feeling at the moment. I love seeing you, albeit virtually, and it was great fun on Monday watching you literally 'zoom' around your houses looking for objects in our scavenger hunt. We will play it again next week so that those of you who

A logo for 'Scavenger Hunt!' with the words in a colorful, playful font. The letters are in various colors like blue, red, green, and yellow.

couldn't join us on Monday can have a go too!

How is your learning at home? I know that working at home can feel hard – home is our safe place where we want to relax, spend time with our families and pursue our hobbies and interests. This hasn't changed. However, now we also need to use our homes as a work space and spend some time every day learning and stretching our minds. It is really important that you do **some work each day** – if your adult is busy and cannot help, I would like you to try and work independently. You will need this skill when you move up to high school so this is a good time to practise!



Top tips:

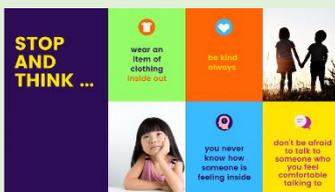
- Choose an activity that you feel confident with and wait until your parent is free to ask them to help with the more challenging lessons.
- Do the more paper based activities at the beginning of the week and save the Art, PE and RE lessons for later on in the week as they are creative and probably more relaxing!

What have you all been doing to relax? I loved the way that several of you highlighted a walk or a bike ride as the 'peak' of your week on Zoom. Exercise definitely helps you to stay happy, keep fit and keep your mind as healthy as your body. I have been walking with my family and Pip who



loved the snow and ice earlier in the month! Cuerden Valley, which is right next to my house, looks so beautiful in Winter - walking through it reminds me of the blessing of God's creation and how He is guiding us through this storm. There are even small signs of Spring; catkins, buds on the trees and even the first daffodil shoots.

My mum had her first Coronavirus vaccine last week too, which we are all very thankful for. Do you know anyone who has had their vaccine? Maybe some of your Key Worker parents have? I read yesterday that 140 vaccines per minute are being administered – how many is that an hour? Or a day?



We are going to have an 'Inside Out' day on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February – you can

join in at school if you are in on that day or you may choose to take part at home, wearing an item of clothing inside out, as we remember that, at times, our outer image is not how we feel



on the inside. We must always be kind and think of others, mindful of the fact that, at different time, we all have those peaks and those pits. Remember, Year 6, there are always things to be thankful for. If you are struggling to get to sleep or concentrate on your work, stop and count all your blessings, food, warm homes, pets, family and so on. If you need any more inspiration, our Worship at Home section of the website has some lovely reflection from the book, Thoughts to make your Heart Sing. Take a look, and keep those gorgeous smiles shiny

Lots of love and hugs,

Mrs Bolton, Miss Watson and Miss Wilson x x x