

Hey team,

Keep going! We will get through this. I know life is hard and strange, but let's do our bit to help the nation. Here is my latest update on what I've been up to and as always, I'll include pictures at the end.

Thank you so much to all of you who have been sending me some of your work. I have really enjoyed looking at and finding out about things that you have been up to. I've had a map of a 10km bike ride, photos of Lego creations, several letters back (my apologies if I haven't replied, they get lost in my inbox), a video and outtakes about Edward Jenner, photos of all the Maths work done using White Rose, some research about VE day, a boat inspired by one of the RE 'Off the Shelf' images, and many more. Keep them coming in. My apologies about the TTRS battle. When I first set it up, I thought I had set it up as a recurring battle (oops!) Well done to Lucy (1st), Jensen (2nd) and Ollie (3rd) for the 30th April battle and well done to Jensen (1st), Lucy (2nd) and Ollie (3rd) on the 7th May battle. Whatever helps you learn, each and every email I have received has put a smile on my face. Please keep sending things through. Just a reminder my email is

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Since I last wrote to you, I have done some more landscaping and dismantling of things. I have stripped our 'box room' of the wallpaper and wood. That was a lot of hard work trying to scrape that off whilst being stood on a ladder. When the weather improved, I got back outside and I have taken our decking apart. It was rotting and we aren't going to have any in the new garden. I also have dug up all the weeds on the other side.

Attached are the plans we have for our new garden. It will be a lot of work and will take possibly up to a year to complete, but Michelle, her dad and I will get it done!

Yup, I'm still cycling. Slowly but surely I'm racking up the miles. So far I have travelled 314.79 miles (which works out as 38.7% of my way to the WHO in Geneva). It's really nice to get out on my bike, listen to Rend Collective (the 'My Lighthouse' group) and spend some time enjoying the scenery around Preston.

As Mrs Seagrave mentioned in her newsletter last week, we have a Worship tab on the school website. This is so you can listen to worship songs at home too. As a little treat, I have recorded my own version of My Lighthouse. It took me a whole day to record and then put the video together. Yes, that is all me! It was a lot of fun recording it and I hope you have enjoyed singing along too.

Chef Bateman is still in session, I've made my own gnocchi, another curry, homemade pizza (Shell made the bases too) and I'm refining my culinary skills. Some of you seem to be doing the same!

Stay safe everyone. Love and prayers.

Mr B



Digging up weeds



Making gnocchi (with bacon, passata, mozzarella and red onion)



Before



Cutting up the decking with a circular saw



After

Homemade pizza with pepperoni, red onion, ham, Edam, mozzarella and chipotle paste in the sauce

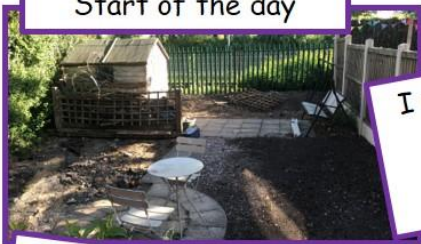


Beef dopiaza with pilau rice

I turned our lounge into a recording studio. Using my phone to record video, my Macbook to record audio and an microphone to get better audio



Start of the day



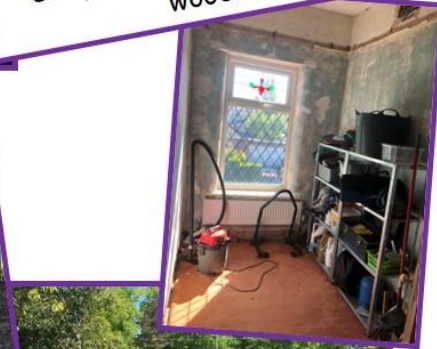
I relocated the shed into the 'box room' which I had stripped of wallpaper and wood!



Would you believe me if I said it just fell over?



Dismantling the shed and the end of the garden. Next step is filling a skip



End of the day

Here are the garden plans we have

