

Hey team,

I hope that you are all keeping well. It's been over three months now since I've seen most of you. I've bumped into a couple of you on my cycles or seen you out and about, or I have even seen some of you in school. I've only heard back from a few of you and I would love to hear back from you all, if possible as it would really cheer me up.

Just a reminder my email is d.bateman@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk

This week's TTRS battle wasn't as popular as normal, so well done to Oliver, Katie, Jensen and Lucy for participating. Jensen is still the reigning champion so come on everyone... I have now set up battles every Thursday until the end of term (the last one is on the 16th July). I look forward to challenging more of you.

I want to encourage you to keep going. I fully understand how difficult life can be, for you and your families. I understand how sometimes it can be difficult to motivate yourself to do some school work, as sometimes the days and weeks blur into each other. I can't stress enough the importance of keeping going. You all have made so much fantastic progress this year, I've said it so many times as I've been writing your reports. It would be a shame if all that hard work slipped away. Please make reading every day a priority. Please keep up with your Maths and English. Choose something different every day from the Home Learning Plan. I can say from experience that getting outside for fresh air is so beneficial. Sometimes, if I'm feeling sad or tired, Michelle suggests that I or we go for a walk, and almost every time, I come back feeling better. If you are struggling, please get in touch. I want to help in whatever way I can.

Since I last wrote to you, I've been a bit more sociable using the guidelines from the government. I've met up with a few of my friends and family in gardens or have gone on walks. It is so good to see people. I've been using a lot of technology to keep in touch with friends, which is amazing and without that, the distance would have been much harder. If you're able to meet with a friend or family member, I'm sure it will do your heart and your head so much good. We have got our back garden ready for the next step. Shell and I have been shifting a lot of soil as we need to raise the level of our garden. I've done some weeding all around the house, and suddenly the rose in our front garden has flourished. I'm still cycling and really enjoying it. By the time half term finished (and my 12 weeks of 'shielding' were up) I had cycled 503.56 miles, which is 63.3% of the way to the World Health Organization. I've included a picture of the names of places I could have cycled to in the world! It's more than cycling to NHS Nightingale in London and back. I'm also enjoying keeping my bike in

working condition. I've started working harder at maintaining it. I've changed my back wheel because three spokes snapped in half. I'm in the process of changing my brakes and recovering my handlebars. It's messy work, but so much fun. I'm really proud of it.

Shell & I have finished our Lego project. It is so cool and it is standing proudly in our lounge. I'm still colouring. A friend bought me another book and I've started that too. I'm recording another song. Last summer, I wrote a song about Psalm 145 and I have begun to record it, in a similar way to the 'My Lighthouse' video (which you can find on the Home Worship tab on the school website). I'm recruiting help from my brother this time. He's an amazing singer and he has an electric piano and a bass guitar. Hopefully I'll spend the summer putting the video and the audio together.

Let me know what you've been up to. I really do enjoy reading your letters and seeing the pictures you've been sending.

Keep your heads up. Please continue to stay safe and make wise choices. Love and prayers.

Mr B



Our rose bush



Recording drums for my song. Audio and three cameras!



Going for a ride with Shell



Installing my new lock; changing my back wheel and cleaning my gears



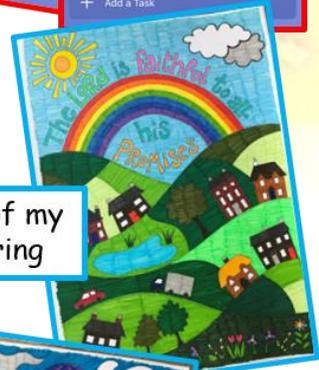
My cycling totals



The finished Hogwarts castle



Some of my colouring



Jess came round and we had a fire pit.



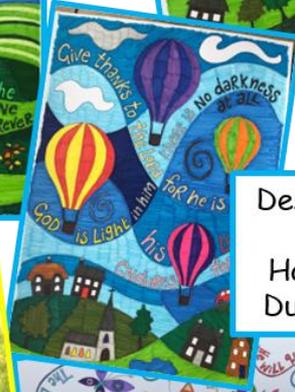
Walking in Haslam Park with Cheryl



Going for a walk with my family



Coffee with my friend Dan



Designed by Hannah Dunnett

