



Hello again - Jack, Ryan, Lola, Jess, Isaac, Harvey, Rhys, Shae, Freddie, Isabella, Ruby, Neve, Adam, Daisy, Dashed, Lucas, Olivia, Tilly, Sienna, Elliot, Mia, Isaac, Elissa, Kayla, Florence, Erin, Matthew, Mia, Kara and Jackson.

How are you all this week? It is so lovely to see the sun back isn't it? It means that we can enjoy being outdoors which definitely helps when we are still in lockdown doesn't it? As I write, I am listening to the birds in the trees and I can hear somebody mowing their lawn and somebody else chatting to a



neighbour across the road! Being in lockdown really makes us concentrate on the small things more whether it be sounds, smells or the sight of something that normally would just be in the background of our busy lives. Take the time to relax and really enjoy these things. It helps us to create a healthy mind as well as keeping our bodies healthy.

Early on in lockdown, I decided that I was going to take a photo each day to create a picture diary of our time in lockdown. I have taken them of rainbows in people's windows, the bluebells in the woods near my house, Alice and Alexander playing outside and the yummy treats we have baked! Have you done anything that will act as a memento of this time? In years to come, you may look at them and tell your children of the strange goings on in 2020!

Talking of memories and looking back, this Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup> May is the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day. VE Day was a very special day in our history, the end of the war with Germany bringing with it huge joy and celebration but also a chance for reflection. If you follow this link <https://bit.ly/2Ws7NtU> there is information about VE Day and how you might celebrate it during lockdown. Thinking of others is so



important; I hope that you will all take some time today to think of those who have given their lives for us, whether that be during WW2 or more recently during this pandemic.

We have had more members of our school family with us this week and all the staff in school have worked hard to make it a special time. If you have walked past school, you may have seen the NHS banner and the VE Day banner hung on the railings. Even though we aren't all together, we try and show our love and support and find different ways of expressing ourselves. Miss Watson was so kind this week and made muffnuts (a yummy combination of muffin and donut!) for the staff in school. Meanwhile Jensen in Year 5 brought Mrs Seagrave a colourful window hanging for her office! I have had lovely e-mails off some of you which have brightened my day and made me smile. Kayla even sent me some photos of her lockdown birthday! Even the Queen had a lockdown birthday so you are in good company if you have had one too! It would be lovely to hear how you have spread your love to others during this time. Remember, our school motto – JOY – Think of Jesus first, **O**thers second and **Y**ourself last.



As time goes by, I often think of what we would be up to in class. This weather would have seen us outside on the field doing PE and Science. We would be doing VE Day in our History lessons and enjoying reading another class novel. I know you will be trying hard in your home learning though and all the experiences you are sharing with your family are so precious and valuable. Boris Johnson will be giving us more information on Sunday about the easing of lockdown. I truly hope that we will be able to be together as a class and as a school again soon but, in the meantime, be patient, be kind and be shiny! You are all superstars.

Lots of love and hugs,

Mrs Bolton

