

Hi Elliot, Sienna, Shae, Jackson, Isaac, Mia, Elissa, Amelia, Kayla, Erin, Cole, Ryan, Jack, Oliver, Harvey, Isaac, Ruby, Lucas, William, Lola. Kai, Olivia, Katie, Faye, Isaac, Jessica, Emmanuel, Lucy, Kara, Harry and Mia!

Happy New Year! I know this isn't exactly how we wished to start 2021 but I'm determined to make the best of it. I'm still going to be in school three days a week, so those of you who are going to be learning in school, I hopefully will see some of you.

My email address is d.bateman@leacofe.lancs.sch.uk and I'm available to respond to any queries you may have. I'm going to endeavour to email you all at least once a week and post a little video for you on our Home Learning Page on the website (there's one there already!) I'm also setting up a weekly Zoom meeting that you can all join so we can catch up how each other's lives are going. Please ask your grown-ups to check their email. I'm really looking forward to seeing you all in this way.



With regards to Home Learning, it is now available on our website under the Home Learning 2021 tab. New learning for each week will be posted on a Monday morning. The Home Learning is relevant to what we would have been covering in school during this half term. The aim is that each week, there will be enough work provided for you to access **a minimum of 3 hours per day** however we recognise that this may vary from day to day.

I recommend doing English, Maths and another subject – that should be sufficient. We have sent home a Home Learning book which is for all children to use when recording their work. As this is an official school work book, I expect the same standard of presentation that I have when the children are learning in school.

Please date all work; write in your neatest handwriting; stick in any sheets and I would like the book to be returned to school when normal school resumes after lockdown.

Look out as well for Mrs Edmond's 'Doodle for the Day' on the Class Home Learning Page which will keep appearing as we both know how enthusiastic you are with your art and drawing.

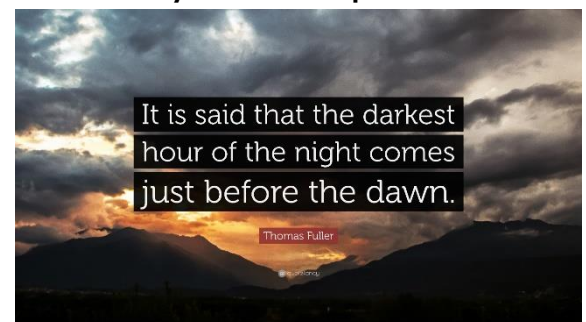
I really enjoyed my Christmas holidays, in the best way I could. I was as frustrated as I'm sure you all were with the 5 day window being closed to one day. However, Shell and I drove the distance anyway and spent Christmas Day with her younger sister and husband in Bristol. We really enjoyed some good family time and it just showed how much I appreciate seeing you all and interacting with you. I'm a people person! I received some really thoughtful and amazing gifts. Even though I received a watch and some books I'd really wanted, I think my most exciting gift was a chef's knife. It is something that completely surprised me and it rekindled my desire to do some more cooking!

Shell and I made the most of the snow and managed to go sledging a couple of times. It has been so long since I'd done this, or remembered having good snow like we did. I just wish I could throw snowballs like Buddy from Elf! We also did some work in our shed and have put up more storage shelving.

Something I really enjoyed was playing in my church's carol services. I played piano and organ and it reinforced the fact I believe that music is good for your soul. Shell and I with the help of a friend put up 400 metres of fairy lights in our church so we could have our carol services in the dark! It looked so magical.

In this trying and testing times I wanted to remind you of a quote from an 18th Century Christian writer:

It is definitely fair to say we are in the "night time", but let's keep hoping for that dawn of a Covid free life. The dawn is coming!



Please continue to stay safe. We can't wait to see you all soon.

Mr Bateman & Mrs Edmonds



Shell and me
in the snow

Putting the
lights up in
church



I cooked
manchamanteles
mole a Mexican dish



The shelves
and new bike
rack in our
shed.