

Dear Children,

I know Mrs Waldron and your teachers have been writing to keep in touch, so I thought I would write this week.

I have been texting and emailing your parents, but now it is your turn! I have definitely missed seeing you all, and having our chats about what is going on in your lives.

I hope you all are well, and staying safe. Remember that it is really important that you and your families stay in and keep to the rules we had when you were in school about washing your hands well.

Well I have to say, it was a funny Easter holiday wasn't it? It was lovely and sunny but we just haven't been able to get out and about very much have we. I have been busy in my garden, painting fences and getting quite messy... and making sure the garden looks nice.

I have been trying to keep myself very busy, I have bought a dart board and have been improving my darts skills (I haven't put a hole in my wall yet). I have also been managing to get outside for my daily exercise, either on my bike (yes I know you think I am too old for a bike!) or going for nice walks. I am very lucky as I live quite near to some lovely countryside, I have put a couple of pictures at the bottom of this letter so that you can see some of the views I have had. I even saw emus in someone's garden one day (no, I don't live in Australia!).

Lots of you know I love my football- watching it that is – so I am missing going to see Aston Villa play. I have to say though, that I am hoping they cancel the Premier League so we don't get relegated.

Now the Easter holidays are over, I am back busy on my computer working from home making sure that everything is okay in all of our Trust schools. I am making sure I keep in touch with teachers to check they are all well and planning your lessons online.

Don't forget to log onto the Learning Portal each day and screenshot your learning – I can't wait to see what you have been doing when we are next allowed to be together.

It is a tough time for everyone, and I am sure you are missing your friends and family. I am too- lots of you have met my mum as she comes to the Christmas Church service and also the Year 2 film night. I can't go to see her which makes me sad, but we are keeping in touch by phone and video messaging. I hope you are able to keep in touch with your friends and family like this.

Keep being positive, if we all try our best to follow the Government rules, we can beat this virus and be together again. I don't know when that will be yet, but as soon as we have any news, I will let you and your parents know.

So – stay safe, look after yourselves and remember to keep busy with school work and any projects that you might choose. Make sure you take time to do some things that you enjoy.

I'll see you as soon as we all are allowed...

Miss Philpot



A quiet walk by the canal.



The emu I saw on one of my walks!



Quick game of darts!