

Dear Year 5,

How are you all? I hope that you are all well and looking after your families. Keep this up, help your parents out with jobs and remember to be kind to them always. If they ask you to do things it's because they have your best interests at heart and because they love you, so don't fight them or refuse to work with them. It has been a very tiring and worrying few months for your parents, many have been trying to juggle jobs as well as look after your needs both on an emotional level and an academic level through home schooling. They want things back to normal as much as you do trust me and hopefully at the end of August this will be the case regarding school in any case.

The Jenner family are ready for summer. The last few days have been beautiful and my kids have jumped straight into their paddling pool the minute they have got in from school. I dipped a toe in but I've got to admit I'm a bit of a wimp and it still isn't warm enough for me to get in. As you know my children are both in different schools, Willow is in the last year at the Infant School and Seth is in the Junior School, they both had to go back to school as key worker children. Both schools have different rules and different school times and one school wouldn't accept any children on certain days whilst the other school did so the whole thing has been a nightmare. Willow has to wear school uniform (which didn't impress her) and she's been put into a key worker bubble with children from year 1 and year 2 because her school could only manage the return of the reception year. Unfortunately none of her friends have been in school so although she gets on well with everyone, she hasn't enjoyed going in and she says: "it's well boring, there's so many things we can't do!" we've had tears on numerous occasions asking if she could stay at home but that's not an option. Seth has had a bit more fun, he has a couple of friends that have gone back to school, although they haven't been in his bubble, he has managed to wave at them and shout hello every day. Like Willow he would also rather be at home so I know it's been tough for them both but I am really proud of them for getting on with it.

I'm telling you this mainly because I know that most of you didn't even get the chance to come back to school and I wonder if some of you feel like you have missed out a bit. Take it from my kids, you haven't! School hasn't been the same lately, we've tried to make it fun but we have to work to very strict rules, for example, before if we had had enough of being cooped up inside the classroom we'd have a break by going outside and playing hide and seek on the field, now we aren't allowed to do this. There is a strict timetable that we have to stick to for outdoor space and the hall is out of bounds because we cannot mix bubbles. We wash our hands 50,000 times a day which is no bad thing but when we can only go to the classroom sink one at a time, this itself feels like it takes an eternity!! Hopefully when you all come back after the summer things will be more normal, we'll still have to follow certain rules especially hygiene related rules but life will feel more like it should because we'll all be together.

This will be my last week of setting work for you and my last letter. There is a summer tab which I have put a couple of work booklets in, so if you wish to get a copy of these let me know before Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Before I go I just wanted to say a few words. I've thoroughly enjoyed working with you all this year and I'm sad that I only got you until March. I felt over the months I really got to know each and every one of you. I could tell when you were happy, when you were tired because you hadn't slept well the night before. I knew when you were excited about something and in some cases it WAS necessary to stop my lesson half way through so that you could share your news before you burst. I knew when you had something on your mind or felt a little lonely. You were a very honest class and I liked the way you looked after each other and me. I enjoyed laughing with you and sharing banter, I enjoyed our games of hide and seek and dodgeball even though I was way better than all of you (LOL), you were just a great bunch of kids to be around and you made me smile every day. I want you to remember one thing, even though I won't be your teacher next year my door will always be open to you. If you come back to school and find it hard or if

*you struggle with the year 6 work and need some help and reassurance just pop your head in and ask for a chat I will always find time for you.*

*Take care my little beauties and have an amazing summer, I can't wait to see you all next year.*

*Lots of love,*

*Mrs J xxxxxx*