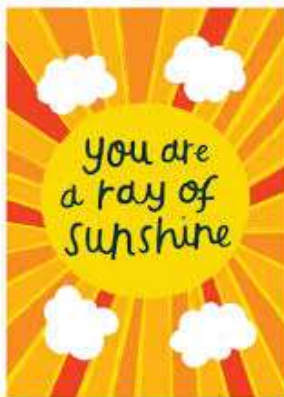


Dear Year 2,

How are you? I hope that you are all well and have been able to enjoy the sunshine this week.

Thank you so much for continuing to send in photos of your work. I have loved seeing everything you have been up to. I know that having to complete your home learning tasks when it is so hot and when you are not in school is really difficult. But, because you are such incredible students, I also know that you can do this! You have amazed me with your resilience and bravery over the past few weeks. Swapping our classroom for your kitchen table and having to learn without your friends near by to discuss your ideas or share your thoughts with, is really hard. But you have done it! You have carried on learning in the strangest of times and you have made me and Mrs Hounsell so proud. You are all our little rays of sunshine. Our class of 2020 is a very special class indeed.



I know that lots of you are missing school. I'm missing you too and I can't wait to see you. For me, everything feels particularly strange at the moment because we would normally be thinking about what it will be like in Year 3. Obviously we cannot hold our usual transition activities so, next week, in your home learning, I would like you to think about St Joseph's. I want you to write

a letter to your next teacher explaining who you are, what you like and anything you are worried about. I would like to collect all your letters and make a power point to send to your new teacher, so it is really important that you complete this task and then send your work to me at info@st-joes.st.dudley.sch.uk. I know your letters will be fantastic and I can't wait to read them!



This week I have been very busy keeping my promise to contribute to the CAFOD Summer of Hope Appeal. I searched through the house to find lost coins. I looked under the sofa, behind cushions, in bags and pockets and I found £7.43. It may not sound like much, but even a little amount can go a long way.

This weekend I'm going to hold a sponsored family quiz so that I can raise some more money. I'd like to be able to buy one or two education packs, which cost £12 each and include text books, exercise books and pencils for a child to continue their education despite school closures. I'll let you know how I get on in my next letter.



Another thing I have done this week is try to increase the amount of exercise I do. As well as doing a yoga class each week during lockdown, I've also been running. I run for about a mile and a half two or three times each week and have tried really hard to improve both my stamina and speed. I don't think I'll be entering any marathons, but I'm really pleased to have a new way to keep fit. Look out for me if you are out and about in Wollaston!

Keep working hard Year 2 and have a fabulous week.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you all again soon.

With love,

Mrs Riley

xxxxx



Bella and Peanut really don't like the heat, so have not done much this week!

