

Dear Year 2,

I hope you've had a good Easter break and that the Easter Bunny brought you a few tasty treats. I know that this holiday was probably very different for all of you, and you couldn't go out and do the things you would normally do. Thank you for staying home and staying safe. You might feel a little disappointed that we can't do so many things at the moment, but we must remember that the sun still shines, the birds sing, we are surrounded by love, that those we can't be with are thinking of us and that we have the hope of a brighter future coming soon. Things will get better; we just have to be patient and keep on following the rules.

My Easter holiday has been spent trying to tidy my garden and catching up with jobs around the house. Not very exciting, I know, but still good to do. Niamh has been a great help and we have had lots of giggles over some old photos we found of me of when I was a little girl. They brought back many happy memories and we have added them to a time capsule we have created to remember what is happening now. After all, we are living through history and this time is something your children will learn about in school. I wonder if any of you have created a time capsule? It might be something you could do over the next few days. There are some good ideas to be found at <https://www.kiddycharts.com> or you could make up your own. I'd love to hear all about what you do.

I can't believe that it's been 4 weeks since we were all last in school. I know by now that you have probably finished the home learning packs that I sent home so there will be some new activities for you to do on the Home Learning page of our school website as from Monday. Please be patient with your mummies and daddies if they don't know how to do some of the tasks – you can explain it to them and show them just what fabulous learners you are. Don't forget to send some photos of all the things you are doing at home to me via [info@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk) Mrs Hounsell and I love seeing what you are up to.

Take care, stay safe. Mrs Hounsell and I are missing you all.

With love,

Mrs Riley

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This is Layla, who is our oldest cat. Sadly she is blind so prefers to spend her days snoozing rather than playing with the other cats. She loves to be fussed and especially loves my husband.

