

1st May 2020

Dear Year 2,

I hope that you and your families are well and that you have all had a good week. I know the weather has not been quite so pleasant over the past few days, but I do hope that you have all been able to get outside for some fresh air and exercise. It is really important for us to stay healthy even in these difficult circumstances. Well done if you are still doing the Joe Wicks daily class – I have to admit, I've changed to doing yoga instead! It's very relaxing ... until the cats try to join in!

One of the things I really miss about being in school is our Class Liturgies and prayer times. These times are such an important part of our day and provide moments of calm and peace in the middle of the hustle and bustle of school life. I miss sharing those special moments with you and I am so thankful that I was blessed to be your teacher. You are an amazing group of children and hold a very special place in my heart.

I was sent a copy of a beautiful prayer this week that reminded me not only that there are lots of positive things that have come out of this difficult time, but that there is always beauty and light in this world no matter how dark it feels. We all have so much to be thankful for – people who love and care for us; time to enjoy being with our parents, brothers and sisters without having to worry about rushing off to do something else; food, water, sunshine and rain; communities who have come together to help wherever its needed and so, so much love. Keep smiling and stay strong. This won't last forever.

Mrs Hounsell and I are very impressed with all the work that you are doing at home. We have really enjoyed seeing all the pictures of your activities. Lots of them are also on our school Instagram page. If you haven't already seen them, ask a grown up to show them to you. Please keep sending your photos to us at info@st-jo-st.dudley.sch.uk. They really brighten our day as we both miss you all very much.

I'm sure that you will be glad to hear that Whiskers the cat is recovering well. He has not enjoyed having to take antibiotics or stay inside but is now almost back to his usual self. Thank you for all the kind wishes you sent him.

Take care and stay safe.

With love,

Mrs Riley

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Whiskers wouldn't let me take his picture, so here are Murphy and Bella to say "Hello!" instead.

