



**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020**

It has been a while since I wrote my Headteacher weekly update. I wish I had lots of exciting activities and events to share with you but instead I will tell you a little bit about how school has been for the last 8 weeks.

We have had a small group of children attending school since the lock down began. The staff split into two teams- Team Long and Team Blythe (Team Long is the best of course-only joking!) The teachers have been coming into school on alternate days but working from home or trying to home school their own children on the other days.

The staff and I have really enjoyed having regular communication with all parents and have loved seeing and hearing all the amazing things that you have been doing at home. We are so proud of you all and just wish that you were with us at school to enjoy the usual exciting things that happen in the summer term.

We have been busy getting the school ready for welcoming more children into school after half term. We have about 20 children in total and they will be based either in the hall or Class 1 with their own regular teachers.

It will be a bit different when the children come back, for example they will enter either at the front door or the Reception classroom door and will have their own desk which is a little distance away from other desks. Children will also have their own bag of pens and pencils. All children will be using their Home Learning packs in school so will be doing the same activities as children still learning at home.

The staff and I have really enjoyed looking at and judging your competition entries. Thank you so much to Sarah Dodd for organising the competitions and prizes.

We have also really loved seeing parents and pupils at the front door they have come to pick up books or new packs.

The government will announce on 28<sup>th</sup> May whether schools in England will re-open to more children. Whatever happens, the teachers and I will be in school and also be available throughout the day to help or answer questions about Home Learning packs.

We really hope you have a restful and enjoyable half term and that the weather is kind to us.

The staff and I wish you all the very best and we look forward to seeing you-Jude



