

Dear Children of Blanford Mere,

I hope that you are keeping well and looking after each other.

I am immensely proud of all of you and your parents in the Blanford community, as everyone has embraced the situation with positivity and worked in partnership with us over the last few weeks. Your parents have been hugely supportive.

In the meantime, I hope that you are engaging with the weekly 'learning challenges' at home. I know that the children who are in school, have been working on the projects too - it is so different, teachers have classes of 5-7 children to teach in school, but they are working on the same projects that you are at home. .

I know it is not the same, as being in school but we are all working our way through this difficult time and hopefully, we will soon be back in school with our daily routines.

The staff have given energy, passion, and dedication to making this new way of learning work. Hopefully, boys and girls, you have all been behaving well at home and continued to embrace your learning. Thank you for that. Your teachers tell me that many of you have completed the weekly challenges that have been set of TTRS, Mathletics and Spelling shed - it is important that you continue to do so!

Living in a lockdown can be upsetting and I know that many of you may be worried about people in your family and not seen them for a while, it is Ok to feel this way - I too, look forward to seeing family and friends, when it is safe to do so.

I have been in school working and working from home - this is a new challenge for me too! I have to set myself set hours to work and not be tempted to watch the TV! I have been doing lots of jobs that I wouldn't usually have time to do - cleaning, gardening, jet washing the drive, tidying cupboards out, shopping etc. Sitting in the sunshine and reading my favourite magazines! I do have some daily exercise... but not as much as I should do! (I'm working on this area to improve!)

I had a birthday, just after the Easter holidays, so I received lots of cards and gifts via post. I managed to speak to lots of people via FaceTime too - I still managed to have a wonderful time.

Life in school is very different - I miss teaching whole classes/groups of children, finding out what you have all been up to to, speaking to children about their behaviour (both good and the need to improve it) everything about school life!

I hope that we can be together, as soon as it is safe to do so.

However, until then please take care of yourselves, stay safe, stay home, and stay strong.

From Miss Stanton