

Dear children,

I hope you are all OK.

Firstly, we miss you all so very much! School is very quiet and we feel so lost without you here. We miss your smiling faces and we miss the laughter and excitement that you bring to Banks Road every day.

Things has been pretty busy since you all left school and so I thought I would write to let you know a few things. The teachers are all well and we are trying to make sure that only a few of us come in each day with the children that **need** to be in. These children are also being brilliant. Their parents have very important jobs at the moment and so they have to be in school and despite knowing that all the other children are at home, they have come in each day with a smile on their faces.

I would like you all to read every day. The teachers are working hard to make sure you have some learning and challenges to keep your brains working and make sure that, when you are at home, you carry on being the super learners that you are when you are at school. Remember that singing, drawing, dancing and exploring the garden are just as important. We have been blessed with good weather so far and at this time of year, being outside is a fabulous place to be. Maybe you could take photos of your garden each day and notice the changes that are happening in nature? I hope you are also remembering the most important job you have at the moment and that is washing your hands.

Finally, be hopeful. If you are worried about anything, tell a grown up and let them keep that worry for you. Try to look for the good. Find the people that are helping because in situations like this, there are always good people out there helping. Things are changing every day and maybe those changes will bring good things for the future. Maybe we will begin to see a different way of doing things from now on that will improve all of our lives. Most importantly, take really good care of each other at home. Be kind. Remember at Banks Road we say that kindness brings happiness to others and makes you feel happy too. Give a smile and you get a smile back!

In the meantime, all of the teachers in school wish you and your families good health. Each and every one of you are an important part in the Banks Road family and until we are all back together, school won't be the same.

Take care and we will, I hope, see you soon,

Lots of love,

Mrs Clemens

