



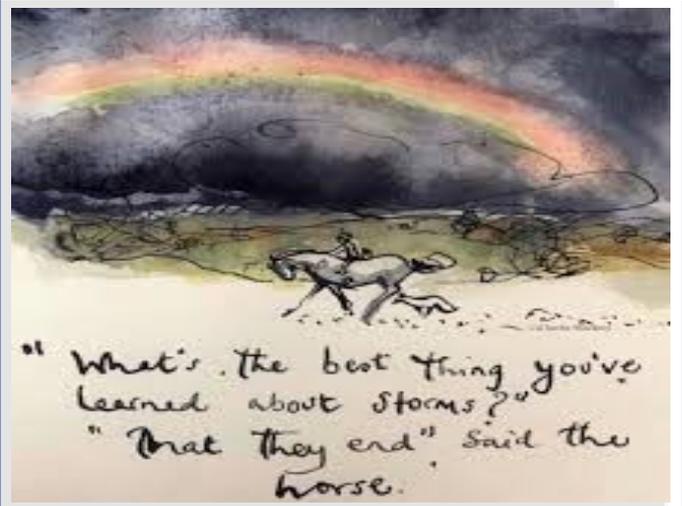
The Hoot

Thursday 7th May 2020

It is the May Bank Holiday tomorrow. A very different May bank holiday for many reasons—the change in date to commemorate VE Day –which will be marked in the best, remote ways possible across the nation. There will be no outings or gatherings, as we will remain within the restrictions of lock down. The challenge for all of us is to make our own memories, wherever we are and whatever we are doing with those closest to us. We will all be waiting with interest as to what will be announced by Boris Johnson on Sunday. I say again, be assured we are already having discussions how social distancing and all other restrictions will work within our school setting, should we be given any indication on schools reopening, to keep **everyone** safe. We will closely follow the guidance we are given and communicate with you every step of the way. Enjoy the sunshine, enjoy each other and keep safe.

Communication

We have tried to create as many channels of communication as we can. Although the office is only open in the mornings, your messages using the absence line (01775 713933), will be picked up every morning. There is a member of SLT (Myself, Mrs Green, or Mrs Down) in school every day. If you need to communicate with us on ANYTHING please do not hesitate to get in touch. We're all in this together, and together we will get through it. Keep talking.



Hello to all you wonderful children. I have felt very lucky and seen some of you as I have taken my daily walk. It has been lovely to hear your news and see you following all the social distancing rules, keeping 2m apart from people who you do not live with—your immediate family, taking your daily exercise and smiling! I have even heard that some of you have had a go at making your own bird feeder for your garden—that's great to hear.

I know that you must be missing your friends and can't wait to see them again soon. We are very lucky that we live in a world where technology allows us to keep in touch and 'see' our friends, if only on a screen. I am sure lots of you have been doing this with your friends and family members. I have been able to keep in touch with my friends who are near and far, using technology. I have also done something I haven't done for many years—I have been writing a letter to my friends, posting it on my daily walk and excitedly waiting for them to write back. I had forgotten how lovely it is to write and receive letters. If you have friends or family who need cheering up—send them a letter, it's like sending some sunshine through the post. I hope everyone you write to, writes back to you!

Happy Bank Holiday to you all. Keep safe. Keep well and keep writing! Thinking of you all each and every day.

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