

Daily Messages 1st May 2020

Hello Everyone,

Well another busy week has come and gone and here we are writing our weekly messages.

I really feel this week that I have to praise the teachers and support staff for their commitment at this difficult time, their dedication is amazing!

The government keeps expecting more and more from us as teachers and Headteachers and we just absorb it all, because we genuinely want the best for our pupils and their families.

With this in mind, we will not be opening on May 8th (We will give out lunches for the free school meal families who have ordered them on the Thursday) as we have a little break over the Bank Holiday. So, your weekly messages, the newsletter and daily messages will be available on Thursday but not Friday.

I am very aware that we are expecting an announcement from the government next week on Thursday and I will update you on any changes as soon as I have them. We are currently working on possible scenarios but without clear government guidance it all really is just a stab in the dark.

Please continue to protect us all by social distancing, stay safe and take care.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Blakeley

Hello Year 3, I hope you have all had a lovely week even though the sun hasn't been shining quite as much. If you clapped for key workers last night, did you see the rainbow in the sky?

Today I have been busy building a bug hotel to put outside. All you need is something with a large opening for the bugs to get in (a toilet roll, plastic bottle cut up) and then fill it up with lots of sticks. It needs to be packed tightly so that the sticks don't move around and harm the bugs. Maybe you could make one too. You could look for sticks if you have a daily walk. I would love to see some pictures if you make one. I wonder what bugs you would get inside.

Thank you all for the fantastic video earlier in the week too. It was lovely to see you all, we are missing you all so much.

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs Brodie nbrodie@handale.rac.sch.uk

Hi Year 4,

Hope you are all ok and ready for your weekend. I have spent nearly all day glossing and painting in the house and it is driving me crazy!! I have managed to do some other jobs too and we are going to go for a really nice long walk tonight.

Today is Friday, so I hope you have all completed your spelling tests. The weather hasn't been as nice this week has it? Let's hope the sunshine is back next week so we can go into our gardens.

Thanks to everyone who has been keeping me up to date with your learning, I appreciate it. You are all working really hard and this helps for when we come back to school.

Stay safe,

Mr Farrier rfarrier@handale.rac.sch.uk

Good morning Year 1,

How are you? How are you doing with your tasks? Are you keeping busy?

I hope you are well and taking care of yourself. It's important to look after yourself, by eating healthily, exercising and relaxing. I'm going to do yoga today to help me exercise and relax at the end of it. I've been cooking healthy food and walking every day to try and keep my body and mind fit. How are you keeping fit and healthy? Have you tried doing something new? Have you tried eating something new? I like tasting new food (there are some foods that I've tried once and never again!! Marmite was one of them...) and I will give most things a try. I like to think I'm adventurous! What plans have you made for this weekend? Are you going to do something different? I'm going to try and sort out some of the boxes I haven't unpacked since I moved in last year! It's been one of those jobs I keep saying I'll do later. I think now might be the time to just do it! Please keep sending me your pictures and messages. I do love seeing how you are and what you're doing.

Take care, stay safe and have a fabulous weekend.

Love, Miss Khanam xx rkhanam@handale.rac.sch.uk

Hello everyone! The weather has been a bit of a mixture, but that's good for everyone who has been planting things as we needed some rain. I even had to stand out clapping in the rain yesterday but didn't mind. Hope you are all ok and being good at home.

Miss Hood

Hello children,

So here we are again, the end of another week. Time certainly is going fast. Hopefully not too many more weeks before we are back in school. Hope you have all had a good week and have managed to get some work done. Miss you all. Stay safe all of you and I'll hopefully see you soon.

Miss Kendall x

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Hello Year 5,

I downloaded a new book to my Kindle last night. It's a real page turner- I can't put it down. I hope you're making the most of your time away from school by enjoying some good books. It's great to spend some relaxing time reading and you can do it anywhere- on the sofa, in the garden, in the bath...

And don't worry if you've read all your books at home, here's a link to follow where you can download loads of ebooks for free.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/>

Let me know about the books you've been reading.

Stay safe,

Mr Bell

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Hello Reception Children

Here we are at the end of another week – fingers crossed we are closer to getting back to school and seeing all of our friends and smiling faces. We are in a new month now it is May not April anymore. I'm really hoping and praying that May is a good month when we all get back to school and see each other again.

This weekend I am going to take the plants from my greenhouse, peas, beans, beetroot, lettuce and cabbage and plant them out in the garden. I have kept them in the greenhouse because it gets really cold overnight. I think now it's time for them to get planted out as they are really big now! I also planted a lot of flower seeds and these are growing really well too! So maybe I will get all the baskets and tubs ready and plant them out! That sounds like a very busy weekend for me I wonder what you will be doing this weekend. Let me know when you can. You could draw me some pictures and send me them too.

Whatever you do this weekend the most important thing is that you stay home and please do not mix with any other people other than those who live in your house.

Take care of yourself and keep safe

With Love

Mrs Skirving xx eskirving@handale.rac.sch.uk

Hello everyone,

I hope you are all ok and continuing to work hard. It's been nice coming into school and seeing some of you but I'm really looking forward to us all been back together very soon I hope. Keep being amazing, safe and strong and I look forward to seeing you all very soon.

Love Mrs Oakley xxx

Hello Year 6

I hope that this daily message finds you all well. As we approach another weekend and as I won't be sending messages for a couple of days, I thought that I would send you some English ideas to keep you going. You may not choose to consider these over the weekend but you may choose to use them at other times to continue to develop your skills and maintain your interest in what is a fantastic subject. There are loads of opportunities to explore English outside of the curriculum during this and following this lockdown. English is an exciting subject - really exciting - and this is an opportunity to explore the subject in much more depth. I have a number of ideas here but I am going to start off with a handful initially and then send a few more ideas following the weekend.

- Audible <https://www.audible.co.uk/> have made loads of their audiobooks free during the lockdown period. A great opportunity to make use of this.
- Spotify <https://www.spotify.com/uk/> also has plenty of podcasts that, like audible, read books chapter by chapter.
- Brightly <https://www.readbrightly.com> is a great website (and this is great for you mum and dad also) which is all about raising children who love to read. However, it also has good recommended reading lists and suggestions for books that children will love.
- Goodreads <https://www.goodreads.com/> has great lists of books with reviews separated into categories.
- Also, why not try setting up a book club with your friends. Choose a book, all of you read and then discuss via a forum of your choice.

Have a lovely weekend all of you and stay safe.

Mr Emmerson pemmerson@handale.rac.sch.uk

Hi, everyone, I hope you're all staying safe, it was lovely to go into school and see some of you yesterday. Can't wait until we're all back at school, missing you all! Mrs Treloar x

Hello Year 2,

We are at the end of another week, I think time is going so fast! I can't believe it has been 6 weeks since we last enjoyed a day in school together. It is also the start of May today – as you know I love May because it is my birthday month and the start of summer. I wonder what May brings? Hopefully lots of sunshine and a plan of action for when we will return to school.

I hope you have all completed your spelling tests today, you are all super spellers and work so hard. Have a look at Mrs Porter's challenge which we put on facebook today, it is something different for you to complete. Well done to Archie who has already completed it and sent over some excellent work.

What are you missing about school? I am going to tell you what I am missing the most:

- Our daily story and sing song at the end of the school day;
- Your beautiful smiles and funny laughs;
- Your bubbly personalities and energy;
- Watching you learn, making your brain hurt and seeing how well you do on your challenges;
- Teaching you things and watching you strive to be the best that you can be;
- Most of all, I just miss you, I miss everything about you all!

Keep smiling, keep being amazing and most of all keep behaving for your parents and family – show them just how fantastic you really are. Remember if you need a chat or need any help with anything, please let me know.

Miss Price xxx rprice@handale.rac.sch.uk

Hello to all children at Handale.

Thank you for the marvellous video you made for us. It was really great to see so many happy smiling faces. You all look like you are having lots of fun and keeping safe and well. Continue keeping safe and working hard and playing harder! Lots of love Mrs Robinson.

Miss you all. X

Good morning,

I'm glad the sun's out shining today! I hope you are all okay. How are you getting on with your new packs I would love to see some topic work? Have a good weekend and I hope you manage to get some fresh air and exercise.

Miss Tyson styson@handale.rac.sch.uk

Hey Year 1's,

These weeks are flying by, I can't believe another one is over. I've had a very busy week painting the fence in my back garden, planting some lovely smelling lavender and cutting the lawn, so I've had lots of fresh air. I also had some learning to do as Miss Price keeps sending me jobs. I always start my morning with an hours exercise to wake me up and get me ready for the day. I must admit some days I feel like I can't be bothered and want to sit in my pjs and watch Disney + but I always make myself and feel lots better for it.

I hope you are managing to get your daily exercise in - remember it's good for your heart and brain, we learnt about this in Science. I'm sure you are loving spending time with your family and creating lots of lovely memories. Remember to keep learning (now and again) but most importantly have fun.

☺️Stay safe☺️, hopefully see you all soon.

Love Mrs Darby

Hi everyone, I hope you're all keeping safe and not annoying your families too much, I hope you've all been working hard where you can and enjoying the lovely weather when you can too! Miss Price has told me you're all working hard and creating some amazing pieces of work! Stay safe and I hope to see you all soon.

Mr Cameron

Hello Nursery Children,

Today we took a look at our pack for ideas to keep us busy. We turned our 'talking box' into a 'sounds box'. Mrs Lister filled the box with items that make a sound. We then turned the box saying the rhyme in the pack. Mrs Lister made the sounds of something in the box and we had to guess what was inside. The first sound was "meow", the second sound was "sssss" and the third sound was "quack". Can you guess what those things were? You could look at the photograph for a clue. The next sound is a little bit harder as it's still inside the box. See if you can guess what it is - the sound is "baa". Perhaps you could make a 'sounds box' and play the game just like us.

Love from

Morning Floppy and Afternoon Floppy xx clister@handale.rac.sch.uk



Hi Year 3

I can't believe another school week spent at home has passed.

Today, I have had the pleasure of speaking to some of you on the phone. It's always nice to hear what you have been getting up to at home. There are a few of you who I have not managed to get hold of yet but don't worry, I will try and call again on Monday.

Have you seen the task I have set for the school about VE Day? It would be great to see some of your work on next week's newsletter.

Keep in touch.

Mrs Porter

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Hello everyone and hello May!

Here we are at the end of another week- I hope you're all doing okay!

This week has flown by but I have tried to keep myself busy as much as possible.

I went on a walk this week, collected some twigs and used my glue gun to stick them onto cardboard to make a heart that I've put up in my house! Perhaps you could make a picture with some twigs or stones you've collected on a walk? I'd love to see them if you do lsweeney@handale.rac.sch.uk

Lots of love Miss Sweeney xxx

Hi Pre nursery

Mrs Mallaby told me she had spoken to lots of you yesterday - I was so pleased to hear that you are all well and safe! I really enjoyed seeing some of you on the lovely video you and your parents made for us too! Have you all been finding lots of things to keep you busy? I've been reading lots of books with my little girl - she especially enjoys 'Spot the dog'. I wonder which book is your favourite at home?

Love from

Mrs Dean xx

Hello nursery and pre nursery.

I hope you have had a busy week. I have had a quiet week at home with my cats Ollie and Chester. It was lovely seeing your faces on the video that you did. I miss you all and I'm looking forward to when we can go back to nursery and play with all the lovely toys that we have.

Love Miss Reid x

Hello pre-nursery Hope you are all keeping well. It was so nice to get to speak to some of you this week. It was lovely to hear your voices.

I have been quite busy this week doing lots of school work. I have also been doing a special sewing job. My son Tom is a nurse who works at the hospital. Tom and his nurse friends needed some special bags to put their uniforms in. So I made some bags with foxes on, they were very pleased with them. Hope you've all had a busy week too.

Missing you all lots, love Mrs Mallaby x

Hello Reception children, hope you are all ok. I saw the video that lots of children from Handale made and even saw lots of you on the video. Thank you for making it, it put a big smile on my face. This week I have been into school and had a lovely day with the children, we had a race with wellies full of water! It was lots of fun, maybe you could think of funny races to have with your family in the garden. I have bought a new book and have had lots of fun reading it sat in the sun. What books have you been reading? The teddies all said hello and said they miss you all so much and can't wait until they see you. Miss you lots!
Love from Miss Barwick and the teddies x

Hello everyone,

My week has been ever so busy. On Tuesday I went into school to spend some time with a few children, which it was lovely to see you and some of the teachers. Yesterday (Thursday) it was my oldest daughter, Olivia's, birthday. She was 18 which is a big birthday so we had a special Harry Potter birthday cake to celebrate. Because we all have to stay at home to stay safe, we decided that to celebrate we are going visit Harry Potter world in London when it's safe for us all to go out into public places. It was lovely to see some of your videos and photos this week, keep them coming in. See you soon, Love Miss Alderson x