



John Ray Infant School

"learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves"

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Dear Parents/Carers

Hopefully you are continuing to enjoy this lovely sunshine. I have had the true pleasure of dropping off letters to you this week from the staff and myself and it's made my week to get to say hello to so many of you along the way. I have seen some beautifully decorated houses and particularly loved Xavier in Ladybirds chalked wall and Milli in Robins beautiful rainbow which I got to see mid creation!

Through conversations we've had with you, we recognise that for many of you, it is becoming more difficult to motivate the children and to get them to do home learning. This is such a challenging time for everyone so please don't give yourself a hard time if things don't go quite to plan. Keep the learning fun and make the most of the practical activities that have been set for the children.

This week, I have absolutely loved watching the Year One videos on Farms and particularly enjoyed Luke in Otters' presentation. I also thought that Jake in Moles had made an amazing farm outside. You really know lots about farms everyone and hopefully once we get back to 'normal', you will be able to make a visit to a local farm.

Year Two have been doing some fabulous learning about Julia Donaldson and I particularly liked Amelia in Woodpeckers mouse from The Gruffalo. There were also some fantastic mazes created by the children. Well done to Amy B in Robins for your clear set of instructions for mummy.

My star in Year Two this week has to be Alfie C in Robins who has learned to ride his bike without stabilisers. Well done Alfie!

A big well done too to our Foundation Stage children who are continuing to use their gardens and local area to go on bug hunts, set up forest school activities and develop their independence ready for when they come back to school. Well done to Charlie in Butterflies, Apple and Alex in Ladybirds who are working really hard with us at the moment while their families are doing really important jobs to keep us all going.

I want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you from us all for those of you who are carrying out important jobs to keep us all safe and well at this difficult time. We are open for our Key Worker families but I know there are lots of you who are working in hospitals and care homes in particular who are making great personal sacrifices to keep others safe.

There are too many of you to name personally but thank you for all that you are doing and when we do our Thursday evening clap, we are thinking of you.

So as another week draws to a close, take care of yourselves and please do contact us if there is anything at all we can help you with.

Mrs Mills