

Date: 1st April 2020

Dear Jays,

We hope you are all ok, in these strange times. We are missing you all and can't wait to be back in the classroom with you all. We thought you might like to know what we have been getting up to whilst we have been off.

I have kept myself busy since we haven't been at school by becoming a teacher for my own children. Their work is really hard! I have been asking Charlie to help me with Tilda's and they are having to help each other with Spanish! I have been into school a couple of times too look after children who have nurses as parents and spotted a few strange things – I'll tell you all about it after Easter. My family and I have also played lots of board games and found a few online quizzes to try. Lastly, I have been brave like Benjamin and let Tilda cut my hair – I hope you like it!



Mrs Collins has painted the wall in her garden, cleared out the shed and cleared every cupboard and drawer in the house! She has also started running again and was doing workouts with Poppy on a deserted football pitch. Unfortunately, Poppy managed to fall and fracture her ankle. Mrs Collins wants you to know that she has short nails and very curly hair!

We hope you all have a lovely Easter with lots of love, fun and maybe a little bit of chocolate. There is no home learning work for the next couple of weeks, just a few suggested activities (see separate document) and a reminder that it is super important to continue reading as much as possible whilst you are not at school. I have found out that Collins Big Cat (the makers of some of our favourite reading books) are offering free ebooks for the next few weeks. They are linked to our levels and can be found by going to this website <https://collins.co.uk/pages/big-cat-ebooks> . You can also borrow a wide range of books here, if you have a library card (or you can sign up for a temporary card) <https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/ebooks-audiobooks-emagazines-ewspapers> . And, for a bit of fun, one of our favourite authors, Julia Donaldson, is reading some of her books and poems here every Thursday <https://www.facebook.com/ScholasticUK/videos/1871002403031970/> .

Make sure that you stay safe inside AND outside. Even though we can't go far, the weather is supposed to become really sunny soon and you have to be just as sensible in the garden as you do at the beach. Wear a hat and suncream and make sure you find a shady spot if you are outside for long.

Finally, please do make sure you keep in touch at jodie.sharpe@barham.kent.sch.uk .If you have things for Mrs Collins I promise to pass them on!
We look forward to seeing you all as soon as possible,
Mrs Sharpe and Mrs Collins