



Dear Children,

How are you all? School has felt strange and empty since you all left and so we thought we would write to let you know a few things.

Firstly, we miss you all so very much! School is very quiet and all of the teachers feel so lost without you there. We miss your smiling faces and we miss the laughter and excitement that you bring to Maltby Manor every day. We also missed celebrating Easter with our Easter Egg raffle and Easter Bonnet parade.

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. They have painted a huge rainbow on the playground to thank the NHS staff for looking after us all.

We hope all of you are OK? Remember to keep up with your reading, maths and spelling. But also remember that singing, drawing, dancing and exploring the garden are just as important. We have been blessed with quite 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? We hope you are also remembering the most important job you have at the moment and that is washing your hands. We know that your little hands may be getting sore, but it really is important.

We feel we must mention a special group of children too. When we finally get back to school, we don't know if we will be in time to say a proper goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 classes. Rest assured Year 6, no matter what happens, we will make sure that we get together at some point before you move on to pastures new.

Finally, don't be fearful, be hopeful. If you are worried about anything, tell a trusted grown up and let them keep that worry for you. There are lots of scary things happening on the news at the moment but 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.

In the meantime, all of the teachers in school wish you and your family's good health and a very Happy Easter! Each and every one of you are an important cog in the Maltby Manor family and until we are all back together, school won't be the same.

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

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