

Dear Children of Malvern Way,

Wow what a half term! I am using my newsletter this week to say a special thank you to all of you. Whether you are in school, at home or doing a bit of both, everyone here is full of pride for the way you are managing your own situation.

If you have been learning in school, you have had to cope with new ways of working, new staff and develop relationships with new children. You have done a great job, working within the rules and sticking to your designated spaces – well done.

If you are coming to school part time – you will have realised that it is quite tricky to have 2 different types of school each week. You too have had to adapt to the changes in school. You have been amazing at adapting to a routine which suits you – well done.

If you have been learning at home, I know how much you are missing your friends and teachers – we miss you all too. You have had to learn a completely new way of working – often having to be very independent as mums and dads juggle supporting you and managing their own work. I am always interested in how you are managing the learning and enjoy looking at the learning you are uploading to Evidence Me.

**Year 2** – I have been blown away by the amazing Mary Seacole interviews, when you return to school I am expecting you to show me your great video editing skills. I also know how much you have enjoyed being scientists and exploring shadows and ice.

**Year 1** – I can see that you have had such a fun time playing the phonic games – especially Splat! You also showed great imagination when creating your own lands during poetry week and I thought your tiger collages were awesome!

**Reception** – just like year 2, I can see what investigative scientists you are. You found some very interesting ways to release your toys from the ice. When you were learning about The Owl and The Pussycat, you showed your creative skills with some incredible islands.

**Nursery** – I can see how much you enjoyed learning about The Gruffalo's Child. You created some wonderful puppets. I also have really enjoyed your videos which show how much your rhyming skills are developing. The pizzas you created looked absolutely delicious – I am just disappointed I didn't get to try any of them.

Next week is half term so I hope you enjoy a rest with your family. Hopefully by the time we return to our learning, the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, will have given us more information about when we can open school to more children. I also hope you get to enjoy some delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday – my girls have seen on tic toc how to fold your pancake into triangles so that you can make more than one filling – strawberries, marshmallows and chocolate for me!

Sending you warm wishes

Mrs Cole and all the team at Malvern Way

