Dear Holly Parkers,

I hope that you are all well and enjoying the work set by your teachers on the website. I enjoyed taking a close look at what you have all been doing. I could see amongst the many things that you had to do, that Y2 were making potions, Y1 made books about the Snail and the Whale and Y6 went on a Virtual Trip to explore the Mayan’s at The British Museum.

I hope you have been enjoying all of the activities on offer on the website. There will be greeting videos from me and Miss Michael twice a week on the home page. I hope you have seen these. There are assemblies – three a week. They are short and will be there for you on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They are on the Assembly page of the website which is under the dates tab. There are three there already – do watch them if you haven’t already. There will be a weekly Spanish video on the Spanish page of the website – Mrs Echanove will be doing books, songs etc. This started last week. Each classroom for Reception to Y6 will have a weekly music lesson uploaded by Mr Hogan. Do check that once a week. There has already been a lesson on every classroom last week. I hope you have been to Story Corner, There are short stories for Nursery to Y1 and chapter stories to follow each day for Years 2-6. There are lots on there already. You will also see your teachers on your classroom pages – there will be links to put into Google to see or hear them as they explain something to you or just say hello.

Thank you for all of the photographs you have been sending me. If you have any of you reading a book this week, listening to story corner, joining in with either Spanish with Mrs Echanove or doing Music along with Mr Hogan then please send me a photograph of that. Also, if you play a musical instrument – send me a photograph of you playing your instrument.

I have been going into school often, We have children of Key Workers in school every day. They do their school work in the morning just like you and then do fun activities in the afternoon – art, sports, games and work in the allotment. The school is very quiet but it is nice to see the staff and children who are in.

Poppy is enjoying the attention of being at home – especially from my son who is playing with her lots and taking her for walks. Every Thursday when we go out to clap for the NHS – Poppy wears her NHS bandanas and rainbow flower. She also barks along quite loudly!

I hope that you are enjoying some relaxing time – reading a book, listening to a story, listening to music, lying on the grass and watching the clouds in the sky, lying on the grass with your eyes closed and listening to the sounds all around you. What can you hear and what can you smell? Making a daisy chain. Relaxing and taking some time for yourself is very important and good for our mental wellbeing.

The assembly on Monday talked about playing games. This week please send me photographs of you playing a game that is not on a screen – so cards, snakes & ladders, Ludo, Monopoly – any board game. Or send me a picture of you doing keepy-uppys with a football, or catching a tennis ball, or skipping or shooting at a basketball net. I look forward to seeing these.

Finally do try and keep our Holly Park community together by sending in photographs and looking at the newsletter each week to see pictures of your friends and class mates.

Love Mrs Pelham and

Poppy