



Dear Holly Parkers,

I hope that you are all well and ready for a break from learning next week when it will be half term.

Thank you so much for the amazing work that you did on International Day. Some of you put so much work and effort into it. There were fantastic postcards where you had clearly researched about a country and there were some amazing foods cooked. They made my mouth water – I would have loved to have tried some of them. When school opens fully we must have an international food day so we can all share the delicious dishes. Some of you put on traditional costumes – you looked amazing. It was so nice to be able to share these in the newsletter together.

We now have an assembly every day – so please do watch them and fit them into your day. They only last about ten minutes. Today the assembly on the website is about Hope and Positivity. This is the theme of our house challenge, which ends tomorrow. I cannot believe that we have been in Lockdown now for about nine weeks. It is important for us all to remember that sometimes - like now, things happen that we have no control over but it is important to focus on the positives and to help and support each other as best we can. We all need to think of ways to keep positive in difficult times. I asked some of the staff how they are keeping positive during lockdown: Mr Reid likes sitting in his garden in the sun, looking after his fruit trees, drinking cups of tea and playing football manager

Miss Biggs is enjoying being with her plants and has transformed her roof terrace with pots of flowers

Miss Sampson has regular Zooms with her family as she misses them and does regular exercise each day and.... eats cake!

Mrs Mehtar likes to take long walks in the woods nearby, text family and friends and enjoys food and sleep

Mrs Needham is in her garden every day. She face times friends and does exercise classes via Zoom

Mrs Hassan likes to have lots of face time with her family and it makes her feel grateful that they are all healthy.

Mrs Bawcombe reads books every day, enjoys family time, cooks lovely family meals and has film evenings.

Mr Carini likes to take long walks in the woods with his family and get plenty of fresh air and exercise.

Miss Giles likes to spend time in the allotment. She has also discovered her sewing machine and is sewing.

Miss Michael likes to enjoy the sunshine and have video calls with friends.

Mr Turner enjoys exercise, growing vegetables and having film nights at the weekend

The Summer Term House Challenge is to send in a photograph that represents 'Hope and Positivity.' Every entry will count as a point for that house. I have quite a few already – there is only one day to go before the deadline – so think about what you could send in if you want to help make sure that your house wins and to be part of this school community activity.

For the newsletter tomorrow, please do send me

1. Pictures of you sitting at your table/desk or work stations at home – it is important to have a good space to work like you do at school
2. Pictures of you exercising again – this is so important for our health and wellbeing
3. Pictures of you being friendly– at home, with pets, at a social distance, virtually

Poppy is enjoying sitting in the sunshine – she loves the sun on her fur. She also has a new rainbow bandana for 'hope' and to support the NHS. Unfortunately, she isn't in a Holly Park house so she cant enter – she supports them all.



Finally remember Holly Park is more than just a building – to keep our wonderful school community together, keep sending in your photographs for the newsletter and website so we can all see what everyone is doing.