

A letter from your teacher..

Sutmae, bawb,

I hope you are all well and enjoying the wonderful sunshine that we have been having. I have been missing seeing you all and I know you will be missing me greatly with my tremendous sense of humour. It must be very strange for you all to have to be at home all the time as it is for me. Sometimes things can feel overwhelming and scary but it is important to think of the things that you can control. You are safe at home and try to take the time to relax and spend quality time doing things you enjoy with your family. Your school activities are important but it is more important for you to be happy and life skills are just as important as academic skills.

Having said that, I have loved seeing your work on google classroom. You are all so talented and I enjoy seeing how you are all different and unique. From the wonderful pieces of artwork to the engaging, descriptive writing you are producing. It is fantastic that you are able to let your talents flourish whilst at home but please know that myself and Mrs Symes are here for you if you need us. We are here to support you and to help you develop.

I have been very busy at home looking after the school website, home learning section and having lots of calls from Mr Taylor giving me lots of jobs to do. I am also kept on my toes by my two children, Harry and Alys. They keep me very busy playing with dinosaurs and Elsa and Anna. I often have to take the role of Anna (Alys makes me) and sing 'for the first time in forever,' and save Arendelle. It's either that or play the role of bad guy daddy where I have to steal the toys (Harry's idea) and Harry and Alys have to get them back. So what I'm basically saying is that I'm constantly in role. I'm sure I've forgotten how to be Mr Cleaves (Don't cheer that part). Finally, I've started baking at home (I'm not very good) so far I've made a few cupcakes and a Victoria sponge (not very exciting I know).

I thought it might be nice for me to give you some fun ideas to try whilst you have time at home. Why not bake a cake and see if you can top my baking skills? How about a spot of gardening? I dug my very own flower bed this week (another new skill for me) or how about impress your mums and dads and sort the recycling and take out ready for the morning.

I know you will be missing your friends and the fun times we have at school but things will change and you will be able to experience those happy and fun times again. You will surely be thinking of moving on to Bassaleg and that is very much in our minds too. We are carefully planning how to make that exciting move smooth and easy for you. We will be there for you every step of the way. You may feel nervous about this move, and that is totally normal. But please rest assured that myself, Mrs Symes and Mrs Rowe will do everything we can to support you through this time. We will also do all we can to make sure you have time for things like signing each other's shirts and I know if I nag Mr Taylor hard and long enough he will make sure he arranges a party and a final send off for you.

I just want you to all know how very proud I am of you all. You are working so hard at home in what is very tricky circumstances (I know it's not easy to get motivated to work at home). You are as Mrs Symes would say keeping your skills sharp and this is so important as you move to Bassaleg. I have loved seeing your confidence and independence grow in completing your tasks and the standard of work has been exceptional. It has been a total privilege to call you my class and even our year group (including Mrs Symes' class – because as we've always said we are a year group and not a class). My only gripe is that our time together has been cut short.

So keep smiling, enjoy this time you are spending with your family. It may upset some of you not being able to see your friends, but remember every day that passes, is another day closer to seeing each other again.

Keep well, stay safe and most of all be good at home.

Mr Cleaves