



7th May 2020

Dear Children of Great Whelnetnam Primary School ,

Lockdown has meant that we have all had to make very big changes to the way we live our lives. One of the biggest changes for us is that we have not been able to come to school, see friends and have lessons in classrooms together with our teachers. This is because we have to follow the Government's rules and keep everyone safe. Keeping you and your families safe is the most important thing to do. When we are allowed to come back to school, keeping safe will continue to be the most essential thing, even more important than lessons!

We all really miss seeing you and being able to teach you. Me and Mrs Kimber go into school every Monday and it is really quiet and empty without you being there. It has made me and all the teachers so happy to hear your voices on the phone, to speak to your families about the things you have been doing and to see all your activities in the photographs you have sent in. The Home Learning Gallery on the website is resplendent - full of fabulous photographs showing what you have been doing and we keep receiving and adding more. It is great that you have continued learning at home in so many different ways. It shows that you and your families have shown ingenuity and fortitude (two serious words for you to look up) in difficult times. You are a credit to your families and we are very, very proud of you.

We have received lots of great photographs of you making bunting to celebrate VE Day. We have a special gallery on the website for that so take a look and celebrate what you have done. You might also want to watch Look East the news programme which is showing bunting children have made across East Anglia. Some people are comparing living with the COVID-19 virus with living in the conditions people experienced during the Second World War. A woman called Vera Lynn who did live through the War and is now 103 years old, sang a song then called, ' We'll Meet Again'. I want to reassure you that we will all meet again, as soon as we can, even if we have to do things in a different way to stay safe and well. In the meantime, keep doing what you are doing.

Ms Wallis

Head of School

