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'Striving for Excellence'

Dear Bell Lane children,

I am writing this with a heavy heart as I am missing you all so much and wishing you are all healthy and safe. I hope you are all safe at home with your parents and have been happy to be at home. Taking a daily walk and some mindful brain breaks to keep you feeling relaxed.

All the staff at the school are thinking about you every single school day. We will laugh about all the fun moments and hoping that you are reading every day.

Have you discovered a new author that you can share with us when you return back to school? Keep reading and doing your daily homework. We will carry on with our learning journey using our digital programmes. We will be sending you lots of love every day even when we are apart.

I wanted to share some tips with you.

- Don't worry. You will hear lots of worrying things, but these are not for you to worry about. Tell someone you trust about your worries and let them know that you need looking after.
- The children that came back to school this week really missed you and we looked after them because their parents need our help. Some were key workers that were helping families to get food and essential deliveries. These jobs are particularly important at the moment. One of our mum's is an ambulance driver and she is doing a great job helping sick people in Barnet. We thank her from the bottom of our heart.
- There are some great things happening at the moment too, less planes, less cars and therefore less pollution. Therefore, the environment is getting a chance to rest and maybe you can think of a means of travel that will lessen pollution.
- We saw our communities come together on Thursday, when we were all clapping for the NHS.
- Remember to ask your parents to check in on the elderly that live near you.

I will set you two weekly challenges, and this is your first one.

1. Head teacher weekly challenges:

Can you design a means of travel that is eco-friendly? **Post your designs for me on class dojo by Friday 3rd April.**

2. Head teacher Hometalk Challenge

I will be setting a family **Hometalk challenge** each week too: Thoughtful conversations with your family while you are eating or relaxing.

Mealtime question: **Do you have to be scared in order to be brave?**

Post your feedback on class dojo by writing comments next to this task.



Even though you may be missing school, you can still learn and try your best at everything that you do. Each and everyone of you has a special place in my heart.

I hope you are all still following the school values, March value is empathy, April is Hope and don't forget to have a brain break. Try and remember your parents / carers are trying their best to help you so always be patient with them. Also, remember to tell them you love them and say thank you too.

Remember all the staff at Bell Lane care about you so much.
Be brave and enjoy learning!

Lots of love,

Miss Harsha Patel Headteacher

