

RAVENOR PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Children,

I hope that you are all well and taking care of yourselves and your families.

We miss seeing you each day at school and it was very odd not having you all here today, learning and playing together.

We are all going through a very strange time at the moment, and I hope that you are talking to your grown-ups and asking questions if you are worried. It is really important to talk and ask questions. Linda is available, if any of you would like to send her an email, and I am also available; please use the following address:

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As you might have heard, the government have asked schools to close to most of you, so that more people stay at home to help doctors and nurses heal those who are already very ill.

Remember that children have not been getting very ill with this virus; however, it is really important that if you are not at school, you are staying at home. If you go to your friend's house, meet a big group of friends at the park or have a sleepover, you might end up making someone else very ill.

I know that this can feel very boring, but it will not be forever.

Most of you have phones and iPads, so you can still keep in contact with your friends and families, without having to see them face to face.

Your teachers have put lots of learning, and ideas to keep you busy, on our school website, please look under the home learning tab. We are also looking at the school email, each day, to help those who are struggling to remember their log in details or passwords, so please be patient.

If you are in Year Six, this has been an especially difficult time for you. You were all working so hard towards your national tests, and almost overnight this was stopped. We do not need tests to tell us how amazing you are and how much you can achieve, so feel proud of yourselves for all that you have achieved so far. We are hoping that we will get a chance to say goodbye to you all before you start your next adventure at high school and we will try our best to make sure that you get to have some kind of celebration together to celebrate your time at Ravenor.

Keep safe and try not to worry.





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Lots of love,
Mrs. L Lobo
Head Teacher

P.S. Sylvia Bishop, our reading ambassador, has kindly written to you all. Please see a copy of her letter below.
19th March 2020

Dear Ravenor students,

Firstly, I am so sorry that I wasn't able to visit Year Four. I really look forward to meeting you soon, when we are all back together again.

For now, we are all staying home for a while. As your school's reading ambassador, I am sure that nobody is going to fall off their chair in surprise when I recommend that you use the time to read. But this time, I am saying it with extra enthusiasm and vim. Now is the time to really discover why we read and write stories. Stories let humans talk to each other, travel anywhere, learn anything, and imagine all the different ways the world could be. They mean we never need to feel lonely or stuck. Not if we have a warm blanket, and a book.

If you are stuck for something to do, a good book to try might be the 'Phantom Tollbooth', which starts: 'There was once a boy named Milo who didn't know what to do with himself — not just sometimes, but always'. Which is one of my all-time favourite opening lines. I also recommend 'A Little Princess', which is not about a real princess at all, but a girl who learns how much stories can help when her whole life suddenly changes for a while. And if you just want magic and fun, my all-time favourite, Dianna Wynne-Jones, has a huge collection of magical stories to dive into. I'll re-read my collection I think. You might want to put up a 'Do Not Disturb' sign in front of your blanket for those.

Meanwhile, I will be using the time to write a story about amphibious people who live on houseboats, and are having some trouble with river monsters. Maybe some of you will write stories?

I hope you will all use your time at home to travel the world and make new friends. I look forward to seeing you when we are back together again!

Warmest wishes,

Sylvia Bishop x





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