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Dear 6 Blue,

Welcome to our Summer Term - a somewhat different start to how I imagined it when we started this year's journey together!

If we were in school, we'd be preparing for SATs in three weeks and looking forward to all the fun that you rightly deserve after all your hard work this year. But, we're at home and it seems to me (from your wonderful emails — thank you so much) that you are all independently being absolute superstars: keeping positive, having fun, doing your best with your home learning and basically taking it all in your stride. I couldn't be more proud of you!

Despite our 6 Blue team being separated in such a way, our 6 Blue spirit is weaving its way throughout your homes, keeping us ready for when we are back together again. Let's hope it's soon because I can't tell you how much I miss you. How much I am grateful to be your teacher. How much I want to give you your best final days at primary school.

Aside from missing you, I've felt a mixture of emotions over the past few weeks: at times, boredom; mostly, chilled and relaxed; rarely, frustration; and often smiling. It's been lovely to slow down the pace of life and spend more time with my family.

I thought you might like to know what mischief (!) I've been up to recently...

Each week, we have a family 'dress up for dinner' night — our themes so far have been Colours, Amazonian Creatures and Under the Sea. We have to make our costumes and it makes us laugh so you could try it with your family too! We've also been planting sunflowers, playing games like Cluedo and painting our front door (guess what colour). You know I love to exercise, so I've been running a lot, doing Pilates, Joe Wicks workouts and yoga. I even ran up to Devil's Dyke and back the other day — that was hard work! I'm really pleased to tell you that the big pile of (children and adult) books I have been intending to read for ages is slowly diminishing. Now I'm worried I will run out, ha ha! I particularly loved 'The Boy on the Wooden Box' and 'Malamander' — both of which I'd recommend. Did you know there's a book swap 'box' outside Stoneham Park, on Tamworth Road? I'll have to drop off some of my books (with a little note for the finder of them) won't I?

I would absolutely love to hear what you are up to and see photos of you smiling, so please upload them to Google classrooms or email them directly to me: tashtamlyn@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk. When I read your messages, it makes my day!

I hope to see you all very soon, take lots of care and keep happy,

Mrs T