

Dear 3 Yellow,

It seems far too long since we last saw you! We hope that you are all well, staying safe and keeping busy. It feels very strange now that the Easter holidays are finished, not to be seeing all of your lovely faces as you queue up in the playground, waiting to start the day. I have to be very careful when I'm in the line to the supermarket not to tell people that their line is a little wibbly-wobbly! We miss hearing your stories, seeing the wonderful things that you create at home and most of all, we miss the huge pleasure that is teaching you every day. You are a truly amazing class! We are always in awe at how hard you all work, and how determined you are to learn and discover new things. We're really looking forward to the day when we can see you all in school again!

We have both been very busy in different ways.

Mrs Hornsby: For my daily exercise I have been walking my dog, Reggie, on the Downs and the beach. I am also doing online Yoga and an online strength exercise programme using weights! I have been busy in our garden and finally cleared out the shed. To keep my mind busy, I have been improving my French (Oui!) and doing an online Literacy course. One good thing about lockdown is that I can spend more time with my family. Issy and I are really enjoying re-watching all seasons of 'Merlin' (whilst enjoying a nice cup of tea), and I've been doing quizzes on Skype with friends from afar - you'll be glad to know that the Hornsby team won a virtual Easter Egg on Saturday evening! Finally, I have been catching up on the mountains of books that I have been meaning to read.

Ms Marchand: I have been doing lots of learning whilst we've been away plus reading lots of books (my first love) and lots of cooking (my second love). However, lots of cooking and staying at home mean that I really need that daily exercise! I'm so lucky to live not too far from the school and have really enjoyed seeing all the rainbows and wonderful Easter art works appear in the windows as I go on my daily walk - I always wonder if it might be one of yours!

Like Mrs Hornsby, I've been reflecting on this rather extraordinary time and thinking of the best way to remember it for the future, and that reminded me of the time-capsule! So, my family and I are thinking of squirreling away a couple of photos, art works or words that remind me of now, into a secret place to open (when I'm even older and greyer!). Maybe you would like to do the same?

We are both really looking forward to hearing about how you have kept busy, and what you've all been up to. Have you learnt any new skills? Have you any new books to recommend to the rest of the class? I've (Mrs Hornsby) heard news from some of you and I saw Abi and Lyla today, which was lovely. Please keep up your enthusiasm for learning, stay safe and let us know how you are all getting on at home!

Love from,

Mrs Hornsby and Ms Marchand

