

13th April 2020



Dear Parents and Carers, Children and Families

HAPPY EASTER YOU ALL!



I hope you have enjoyed the sunshine this week, whether it has been in your garden, through a window, when taking your daily exercise or walking to the shop for necessities. Spring is my favourite season as it bursts with new life. This week, each morning, I have been thankful for the beautiful nature that surrounds us. As a community, we are so

fortunate to have the wonderful Wren's Nest Nature Reserve on the door step. Even at this time when it is not possible to be out as much as we would like to be, when we can't look at or walk in this special, historic place, we can still be thankful that nature remains amongst all of the uncertainty, at the moment, we face daily.



Mrs Parkes' idea for the week:

Look for the signs of Spring in your garden, or through a window.

- ☺ Research on the internet - What are the signs of Spring?
- ☺ How many signs of Spring can you see?
- ☺ Can you see a blackbird? Can you see a daffodil?
- ☺ Research on the internet:
 - ✓ Why do we have seasons?
 - ✓ Why do we celebrate Easter?



Over the past few weeks I have been spending time with Luna, my Cat and caring for Dottie, my horse. Luna has loved staying in the house and spending time with me during the evenings - something I wouldn't normally do - but we aren't in 'normal' times, so I am making the most of time with her. I am also spending more time with my Mum than I usually would, as I have had to live back at home for a short while. This is because my house was flooded during all the rain we had back in February and is currently being repaired! So, I thought I would share some photographs of the lovely things that continue to be in my life through these very strange and uncertain times.

Me and Mum on my Wedding Day



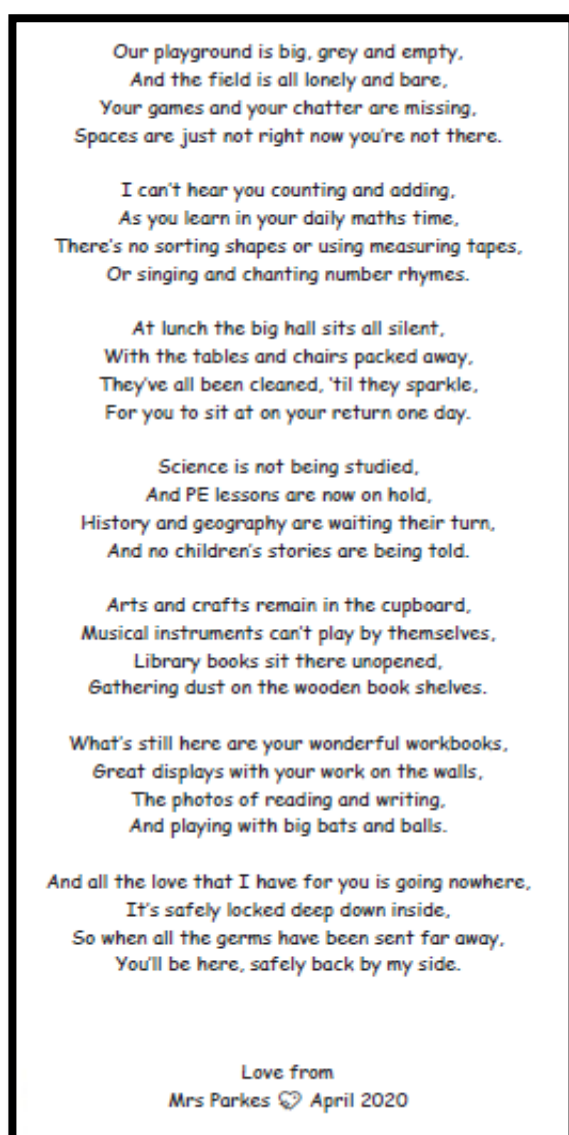
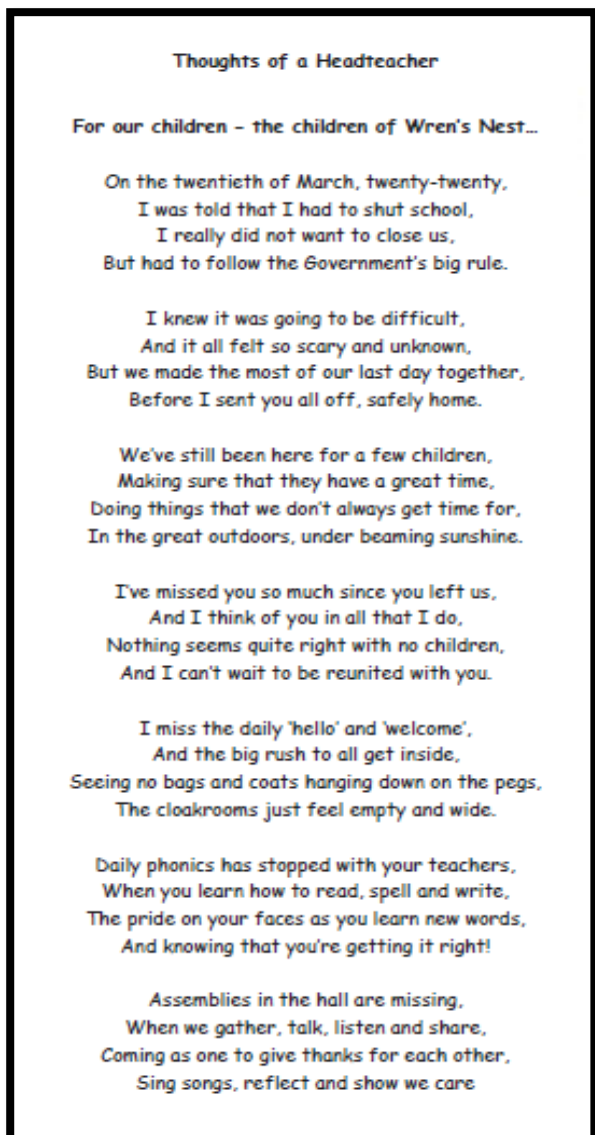
Dottie



Luna - in the sink!



I am continuing to miss the children - I hope you were able to access the poem I had posted on Parent Hub and on the Website. It captures my thoughts at this time, put down on paper for them to read and for me to share. Please share it with them if you haven't already:



As a school and for me as Head teacher, it remains very important that we continue to support our families during this very uncertain time. To enable this to happen, we have a school mobile phone. This will continue to be held by either myself or another member of the Senior Leadership Team. This is a way of contacting school staff in emergency - should you need it.

The mobile number is: 07858 986604

Please can I ask that this is used for emergencies ONLY should you need us, if you have a query or are worried about a situation in which you may find yourself.

Take care of yourselves, I will write to you again soon and remember, we are here if you need us.

I remain hopeful we will see you and your families very soon and that we can all move on to a new and better way of life - creating 'new normal' for us all.

Love, Mrs Parkes x

