

Hello everyone,

I hope that this letter finds you well and coping with everything that is going on right now, and that you are managing to keep busy. Our household is very busy. We start each day doing PE with Joe, followed by Andy's Wild Workouts – to keep Joseph entertained. I certainly have some aches and pains from the effort but it's a great way to get energised and motivated in the morning ready for a busy day. We even joined in with Fancy Dress Friday last week, but sadly I have been forbidden to show you a picture so you will just have to imagine Joseph as a brave knight, Abby as Bob the Builder, me as Rambo and Mrs Edge as a Christmas elf! (Minus 10 dojos as it is not December!)

Every day we do some learning activities. Joseph is wowing us with his maths skills, as well as doing some reading and writing. Abby is already prepping for her GCSE's and when she asks for help with her maths it can give me and Mrs Edge a real brain work-out. Mrs Edge and I are also completing some extra training and looking for great ideas to help you learn at home. I hope that you have been enjoying the activities that we have set and are keeping up with some learning. At the very least, keep reading! I am now enjoying Predators Gold by Phillip Reeve – the second in the Mortal Engines series. What are you reading at the moment?

As well as book work, we have been spending loads of time outside doing playing, working and creating. I have enjoyed having the time to get the veg patch up and running, and Joseph and I have planted some seeds. We also made a 'trim track', using logs and planks, leading up to Joseph's den which he loves clambering on. Abby should be in training for her Duke of Edinburgh award so she has put up a tent and yesterday cooked her own lunch on a Trangia – a type of camping stove. I hope that the good weather carries on and that you are managing to get some fresh air each day.

I also hope that you are managing to keep in touch with your friends and families using social media. I video call my mum and dad every other day because they miss seeing Abby and Joseph, and we have had 2 family quiz nights with Mrs Edge's family! On that



note, I really hope you are getting on well with your families at home too. Remember, everyone has their part to play in keeping things running smoothly so make sure you are keeping your room tidy, completing any school work you are asked to do (without complaint!) being kind and thoughtful to your family members and maybe helping out around the house a bit. This is a weird time for everyone and we need to be even more grateful than ever for all we have!

Take care of yourselves, I look forward to seeing you all when we get back to school,
Mr Holmes