



# Oughton Primary & Nursery School

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Dear **Nursery**, **Reception**, **Year 1**, **Year 2**, **Year 3**, **Year 4**, **Year 5** and **Year 6** children,

As half term approaches, I just thought I would write to you all. I really do miss your smiley faces! Martin and Lavender, our rabbits have missed you all. They've been sitting on laps lately wanting a stroke. I will take a photo of them next week and put it on the website for you.

I haven't seen many of you lately at all. It is very strange not seeing you all each day. I hope that you are in contact with your friends, obviously keeping a safe distance. Maybe you talk to them on the phone or see them through a window. A member of Willow visited yesterday to pick up another exercise book so I had a chat with her and her family too; it is great to catch up with people.

I have seen quite a few of you in school, which is always a joy. The children in school have been fantastic and they have had the whole school to themselves! Yesterday, they were setting off rockets on the field! Of course, they would be doing Science with Mrs Baverstock; she loves a Science experiment. The photos are amazing and they are going to be put up on display.

I miss our Awards Assemblies. I love giving out our certificates and hearing the positive comments all about you from your Teachers. I even miss the part when Miss Daniels shows you the Sports Superstar trophy and you all sing 'woooooohhh' – always a treat! I miss walking around the school and walking into your classrooms and seeing all of the great work you are doing. Many of you show me your books and the work you have produced. I always enjoy seeing your writing in particular. I miss teaching our dedicated Year 6 children Maths in the morning! Year 6, you have worked so hard and your progress this year has been fantastic. When I think how much you have grown.....many of you I remember as Nursery children. Those were the days!

I am sure that you miss parts of school too. Hopefully, after half term, we will have more of you in school, which will be wonderful. You can find out what the other children have been doing.

I hope you are all well and keeping busy at home. I have heard that many of you are working so hard at home. I have spoken to your teachers and I know that they have spoken to many of you too on the phone over the last few weeks. They have enjoyed those conversations. Well done to those of you who have been using Lexia or SPAG or Tables Rock Stars - learning your multiplication tables will really help you in life, so keep going. Many of you have written some great pieces of writing and I have seen a few pieces of work – well done. Some of you have completed the exercise book we sent out and are on a second book - fantastic. I look forward to seeing your work.

I have been very impressed with the letters sent to Mrs Murray, our Nursery Teacher. Our Nursery children have obviously been working very hard and it was lovely of you to share your work with Mrs Murray, she was very happy.

The Teachers and Teaching Assistants have all been working hard in school over the last few weeks. They have been working with some of the children who have been in school. Many of them have been working on their classrooms as some of you may be returning to school soon. Mrs Banton has been helping getting your classes ready too.

Now as it is half term, you will not have been sent any work to do by your Teachers. But, I do not want you all to get bored! So I am going to challenge you! Are you ready? Take a picture of yourself doing any of the challenges and ask your Parents to send it in to me via [admin@oughton.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@oughton.herts.sch.uk) – then I can see your fantastic efforts. Or write me a letter or note and tell me all about it. You know our address and you know where I am.

# Here they are see how many you can do!

**Challenge number 1:** I have been playing board games with my girls at home. We have played Downfall, Frustration, Othello, Trivial Pursuit to name a few. We have been playing a game each day! I challenge you to play a game with a member of your family! If you have a board game – pick on and have a game. If you do not have any board games – play charades or eye spy. Any game you like!

**Challenge number 2:** Many of you know that I love playing cards! Here is your challenge, find a pack of cards and play a card game with a member of your family. You could play Pairs, Old Maid, Rummy, Go Fish, Snap, Patience or many more.

**Challenge number 3:** Read a book or listen to a story. Remember, Mrs Harriss has been reading stories to you – she is on Part 7 of I was a rat and you can also hear Fantastic Mr Fox just see our website. I know that many of you are enjoying this.

**Challenge number 4:** I have also been making sure I have been going for a walk during the week. Go for a walk and count the number of Oughton families you see. Remember to say hello to them! Next week, when I am in school, I will go for a walk around Westmill and see how many of you I can spot! I wonder if I will see lots of rainbows in windows, I hope so. If you see me, make sure you wave. I wonder who will see the most families? Let me know your total.

**Challenge number 5:** I have been trying to go out for a run each week. Mrs Carroll and Mr Lewis have been running regularly. The children who have been in school have been running round the field doing the Daily Mile. I have been doing some stretches and the staff have been doing the Joe Wicks Workout each day. Your challenge is to do something active! Run, Dance, go for a bike ride, roller skate, skateboard, play football with a family member....anything you like. This challenge has to be worth a Sports Superstar Certificate!

**Challenge number 6:** Now, just before we closed we had a skipping workshop and you saw this first-hand – I can skip! I can also do tricks – double skip, swing, backwards, forwards, different styles of skipping. If you have a rope, practise your skipping. When you are back in school, you can bring in your rope and show me your skills.

**Challenge number 7:** You know I love Maths. Find a trick that is mathematical! Amaze your Parents with your skills. If you are in Nursery or Reception, practise your counting.....how far can you count?

**Challenge number 8:** Ask a family member to organise 20 objects on a tray for you. Then look at this for 1 minute only (use a timer). Ask them to hide the tray. Your challenge is to see how many objects you can remember – either say them or write them down or even draw them. You could then challenge your family member to do the same, this time, you pick the objects. Make them really strange too. See who can remember the most! This is a great challenge to help improve your memory skills and fun too! I once played this with Mrs Jordan – she picked some really interesting objects!

**Challenge number 9:** Talk to a family member or friend you have not spoken to for a while on the phone. It is great to talk and I know that everyone would love to talk to you. Ask your Parents first though please!

**Challenge number 10:** I have left the hardest to the end! So brace yourself. See if you can go a whole day without watching the TV or a whole day without playing on your computer games. That is tricky I know! You can do it....I have faith in you.

Some of these challenges are more difficult than others, so see how you do! If you can complete more than 7, that would be amazing. Let me know how you get on. I will be giving housepoints out. Remember to stay in touch.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and I hope to see you all soon. Keep smiling and remember to help your Parents out and be kind at all times.

Love  
Mrs Clayton