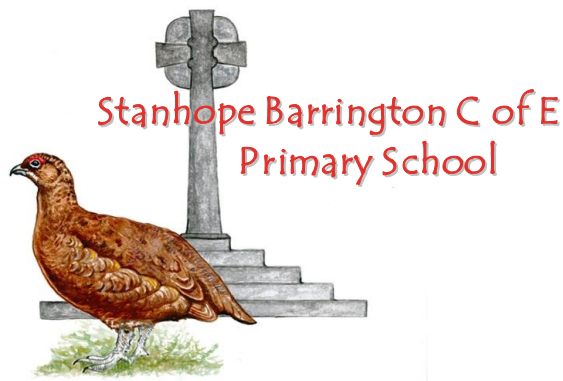




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Good morning all,

I am delighted to let you know that each teacher has written a personal letter for every child in their class. These letters will be emailed to the email address of their parent held on our data system on Thursday 7th May 2020. If no email address has been submitted the letter will be posted out. The teachers have really enjoyed writing their letters as they are missing the children immensely. If your child would like to reply to their teacher they can do so by emailing admin@stanhopebarrington.org.uk and the letters will be forwarded.

I would like to take this opportunity to say that I hope you and your families are all well and staying safe at this difficult time. I'm writing this short note to tell you how much I'm missing you all and to let you know that I'm thinking about each and every one of you. I really can't wait until everything gets back to normal when we can all meet up again, work together and show what a fantastic school and community we are.

In the near future major decisions will be made at government level and we all hope that we can return to school and continue with our children's education, providing it's safe to do so. Our children are our future and we must do everything in our power to make sure they are extremely well educated and can continue their education journey to the highest levels possible.

As you are all aware, our school has continued to remain open to children of key workers from right across the Dale and I believe it is vital that we support families and key workers throughout Weardale. The decision to offer this opportunity of remaining open was extremely important as many schools around us have been

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unable to do so. It is essential key workers are able to go about their work, in the hope we can all overcome this deadly virus and conquer it once and for all.

Since lock down however, it has become even more apparent to me that working in a school with children, amazing staff and wonderful families on a daily basis is an extremely privileged position and we should cherish every minute. I miss so much meeting people on the yard and in the community, passing the time of day and having a general chat. The wonderful smiles on faces as children come to school, the parent's evenings, school assemblies and collective worship, trips and special events which are all such valuable times when we can all come together. In life we take so much for granted but it's times like this that make us realise how many friends we really have and just how much we miss them when we can't see them every day.

To conclude I would like to say, please take care, stay safe and keep smiling as I'm convinced together we will overcome this global issue because in Weardale we are the best, we are winners and have the courage to succeed no matter what obstacles are thrown before us.

Love and prayers to you all from the staff and Academy Council (Governing Body).

'Big players always step up in big games'

Jimmy Adamson 1979.

Take care and best wishes

Mr S Myers

Head Teacher