

## Jennett's Park CE Primary School

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Dear children,

I hope you are well. Firstly let's start with a joke. What do you call a dog magician?

A labracadabrador.

Jokes are good. Send me ones on for our Sway on the website. https://sway.office.com/yQYjqP1H5lrMlWl1?ref=email.

Laughter is a good thing. Laughing is important for so many reasons. Not everything in life is funny. We know that. But scientists tell us that laughter, humour and joy are an important part of our lives as human beings. Laughing out loud lowers blood pressure, reduces stress and anxiousness, and amazingly increases your muscles movement. It increases the circulation of those imports cells which fight disease (our antibodies in the blood stream) and makes us more resistant to being poorly.

Laughter is good for us physically, but that is just the beginning. Laughter is good for the soul. There is a special thing about laughter. Laughter brings us closer to each other – and there is something holy about people coming together. Laughter provides us a moment of grace. It occurs spontaneously and unexpectedly. It catches us by surprise and we respond with laughter. We never expect to laugh, just as we never expect grace or good fortune when it arrives. And in that grace, we are able to recognize how silly we are sometimes. I fully admit I am nothing if not silly.

I've not written to you all together for a while as the separate emails and videos that have all been flooding in to us and your teachers. Do send us in something to say hi if you've not done so yet. If you want you can organise a phone call with us- let us know.

So, what to talk to you about today? Well I hope I'm not boring you to talk about your gifts and talents. You all have one. You really do. It sometimes takes years to nurture it. Each person is blessed with something that makes them unique in this world. It might not win you a Guinness World Record but I hope you are taking time to explore some of those now you are not with us as much. If your passion and talent is box car driving we cannot do much at the moment so you'll need to divert it to something else. I joke quite often that one of my talents is sleeping, but that's not all I pursue. I love mosaics, photography, singing and cooking. I can also flip coins. So there. In a few weeks we'll have our yearly chance to share gifts and talents. Get going on your talent now. Everyone has their 'thing'.

Next the virtual online choir- you've been patient. Thank you. We're ready to start on Tuesday- you just need to send an email to school@ and you'll then be sent a joining code and the set list. More details in the newsletter tomorrow. Only those that email will be admitted so no sharing!

My last one is a thought about returning to us. We miss you we do. I know some of you can't wait to come back but also that some of you dread the idea. The politicians in our Government haven't decided when to allow more







people to rejoin us yet- they only will let us once it's safe. We promise to tell you as much as possible as fast as possible so you can ask questions.

So until then we need to keep working on our projects at our homes safely. We have sent booklets to those parents who asked- you can ask them to sign you up if you've not got one.

We have many variations of how people are working at home in England. Every school is different. Some schools have said 'do this now', 'do this then,' and 'email this by then.' We thought you'd rather help choose what you can do in your family and share what you've done to us. Every little helps. We know not everyone has their own laptop to use (or want to use) all day. If you are following the brilliant lessons on Bbc Bitesize and Oak Academy or Whiterose Maths or Phonics online or doing 2 -3 hours work a day in whatever form then that's good. Some are working hard in the morning and then have a break in the afternoon. As I said in the first week plan out your timetable. If you or your parents ever feel stuck for ideas email or ring us. We'll help that's what we're here for.

Take care and stay safe you sparkly rainbows.

Love

Mrs Savage





