

**Friday, 3rd of April 2020**

Good morning children,

I hope you enjoyed our 'email' assembly on Monday. It has been lovely to receive emails about bears and inventions this week – I can see now why your teachers all tell me that you are super-heroes when it comes to using this learning behaviour. Some of you may have seen the lovely bear hunt that the children in school created this week along the fence: there are also some bears to spot hiding in the trees and bushes that you can see from the fence. If you haven't seen it, I will ask Miss Relf to upload it on our Twitter feed @schoolmontbelle for you to see. Don't forget, if you are going for a walk to spot bears, or rainbows, stay in your family group and keep your distance from others. You can still have a chat with other families but make sure you keep a good distance away – I had a lovely chat with my neighbour last night, when we both stood at the bottom of our garden path to join in the 8.00pm clap for our amazing essential workers.

So, here is our second 'email' celebration assembly...

I hope you are all still keeping well and listening to your adults at home, showing *tolerance* and *respect*. I know that lots of you, by now, will have some news you want to share with your teachers, or with myself, Mrs. Stewart or Mrs. Bowman – don't forget, you can always email us during term time. We miss seeing you in school and we like it when you take the time to tell us your news. I have had something to celebrate as I have become a grandmother again. My twin grandsons, Archie and Rex, were born last Wednesday and are now safely home. It has been really difficult not going to see them but I am keeping them safe by not going to their house – I have enjoyed lots of video calls instead to see how they are doing. I hope that you are finding different ways to keep in touch with your relatives and friends. Do remember all the things we have taught you about keeping safe online and, if you have your own phone, remember to think before you message – only message people you know and be kind and polite at all times.

**Attendance:** the children who have come to school this week because their parents have been busy looking after others have all done very well with their attendance. The rest of you are all attendance stars too because you are doing exactly as the Government have asked you to do and staying at home. Well done!

**Positive Referrals:** Another amazing week for positive referrals with 93 listed. As I did last week, I will send emails to those children – well done and here is your applause:



**Birthdays:** We have had five birthdays this week – I hope you have all managed to find ways to celebrate your birthday. My son Robert, who had his birthday a couple of weeks ago, had a little family celebration but he is 'saving' his birthday until we are all safe to be out and about again and then he will celebrate it properly! We also have 24 children with birthdays during the Easter break, so I will send all of you a birthday greeting by email.

**Special Awards:** I hope that lots of you are managing to keep up with your friends in youth groups such as Scouts, Guides, swimming, gymnastics, dance, etc. in lots of different ways. Don't forget to keep Mrs. Helps up to date with your keep fit efforts: I have been joining in with the Joe Wicks PE session this week and have found lots of muscles I don't use very often!

**House Points:** In reverse order:

Beech – 137 points

Willow – 171 points

Oak – 207 points

Ash – 230 points

**Well done ASH!**

Although some children and staff will be in school over Easter to help their parents continue with their work in the NHS, or in other essential roles, your teachers are going to have some time to spend with their own families now. There will be some 'working together' ideas coming out to you for you to use over the holiday if you want to. You are welcome to continue to send your news and pictures in to your class email but I have told staff that they can reply to these at the end of the holiday (Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> of April). Please tell your parents and carers that I will continue to check the [sltteam@montbelle.org.uk](mailto:sltteam@montbelle.org.uk) email during the holiday so they can get in contact with me if they need to.

I hope that you find some time to spend together with your family in the next two weeks. I will send out a Monday morning assembly on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April to bring us all back together and your next 'Learning ideas' will come from your class teacher on the same day.

Take care of yourselves and your families.

Mrs. Geden

Ps: one of our parents, who is doing an amazing job working for the NHS, sent us some information about sleep. I have asked Mrs. Stratton to send it out to you with this email for your parents. They may, like me, find that your usual routines are difficult to keep up and I found the information really useful!