Hello Mayfield Infants,

I hope you are all well and keeping busy. We've all been busy in school too. The weather has been a bit crazy, so we've had to think carefully about when we work in the classrooms or outdoors. I've seen some lovely pictures of you jumping in puddles and paddling in the sea. It seems like we've had all the seasons in one week!

Well done to everyone, whether you are learning at home or in school. We know that the new routines and ways of working are difficult for you and your families and it feels like it has been going on for a long time now. We also know that school is about the relationships we have with everyone in our Mayfield family so we are working on new ways to support you differently whether you are able to come to school or staying at home. We are improving our 'blended' approach and hope it will make learning more engaging and reconnect everyone. Communicating with everyone is difficult at the moment so please remember to check social media, the school website and your emails; we don't want anyone to miss out on updates or opportunities to learn in new ways. Mrs Hall has some exciting reading events planned for the coming weeks and Mrs Sheppard is busy planning a Science week too.

Mrs Dollman is available to support you with your learning. She will be able to respond to your emails Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9am – 3pm. She will check her emails at other times but may take a little longer to get back to you. Get in touch, she is missing you all.

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Transition is an important part of school life and I'm sure that some of you are already thinking about September and your new class. We are working on ways to keep you up to date with our plans for next year and ways for you to 'meet' your new teacher and class. Many of you have brothers and sisters joining us in September too – we're busy gathering information and will be in touch with them all very soon. Again, keep an eye on social media, the website and emails to find out what's happening next.

In school and at home we have seen how ready to learn, resourceful and resilient you and your families have all been. I know your teachers found it particularly hard to choose 'stars of the week'. We are very proud of every single one of you.

This week our 'Stars of the Week' are:

Dolphins: **Rudy H.** for being super **resourcefu**l and utilising a range of recycled objects around his home to conduct his own science experiments. Very creative! Well done! ©

Seals: Maddie P. for the lovely letter she wrote and for being thoughtful and thinking of ways to cheer up others during this time. What a **respectful** learner. Well done Maddie.

Turtles: Penelope for being very resilient and putting in lots of effort in Bubble School this week.

Octopus: Sandeep who has been extremely resilient this week and produced excellent phonics work.

Seahorse: Freddie CH. has adapted amazingly to 'bubble school' and has shown how resilient he can be.

Jellyfish: Freya P. for being **ready** to learn, trying her best and giving 100% across all areas of learning.

Stay safe, keep smiling and keep in touch. Missing you all.

Mrs Buck and the Infant team

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