



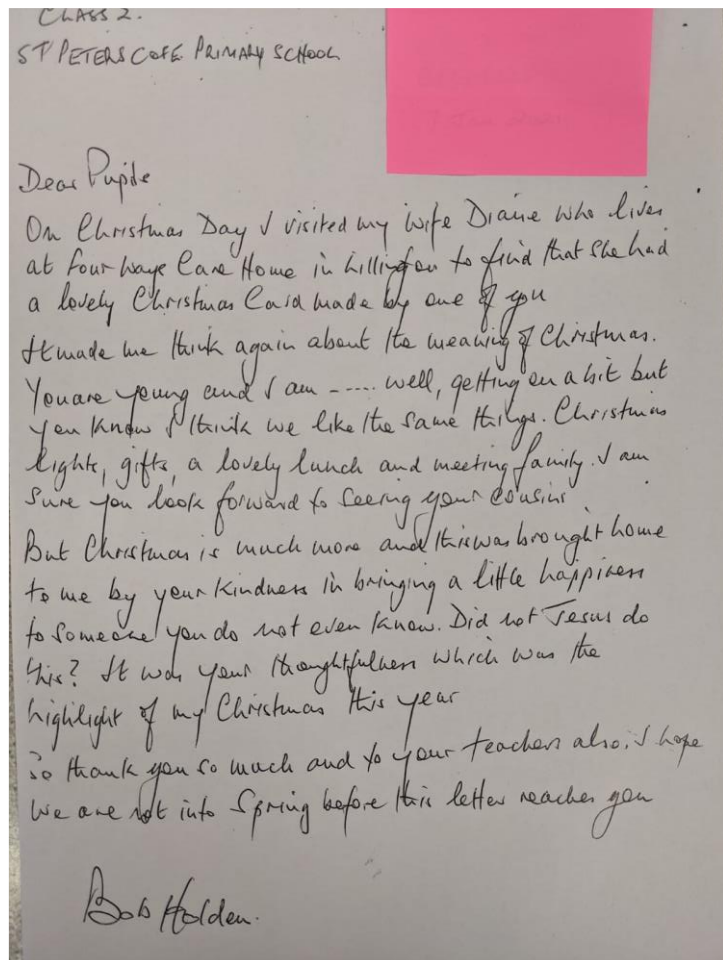
# Barford St. Peter's C.E. (V.A.) Primary School

Together we love; together we learn

**"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." John 13:34**

At Barford St Peter's the children care for each other as they care for themselves and often demonstrate this caring nature in a variety of ways; lend a hand for lent, reverse advent calendars, letters to charities, keyworkers and to the care homes.

During the winter, Christmas lockdown of 2020, the children at our school wrote letters to the local care homes. The children were upset to hear that the care homes were not allowing in visitors because of the COVID-19 outbreak, they were worried that people would be feeling lonely in the run up to Christmas. To acknowledge that these people weren't alone and to brighten their day, the children wrote letters to the care homes. These were warmly received, and the children even received a reply from a resident's husband. The children felt proud of themselves, and we were SO proud of their kindness and compassion.



During Lent, we launched the 'Lend a Hand for lent' campaign, this was especially touching as it was during our time of home schooling. All the children engaged and participated in this really well! There would be a weekly challenge set by the RE coordinators for the children to do; litter pick at the local park, helping at home, creating a positive stone for a display outside the village hall, skyping a lonely relative or just spreading joy it what was



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nationally, if not, globally a difficult time. The children's stones were particularly beautiful and made a wonderfully positive display outside the village hall, where they were admired by the local community and public.



We also created a 'Reverse Advent Calendar' with the children, where instead of receiving a surprise every day, like a chocolate in their advent calendars, we instead brought something into school as a collection over a few weeks, and created advent boxes, they were full of non-perishables and clothes and necessities to support those in need. We donated our advent boxes to the local foodbank.

One of our school values is 'thankfulness', we thought about people we are thankful for, Year 5 quite rightly felt that we should be thankful for our wonderful NHS service. They wrote letters to thank the doctors, nurses, paramedics, HCA's and surgeons. They were delivered to the hospital, and they were SO grateful for the children's kindness and appreciation.

