

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

Hello Oaks.

We are just going to interrupt our Writing sequence today because we have been asked to help old people who are in isolation in lockdown.

A friend of mine works in a small local old people's home. She has asked if Oaks children can write letters to individuals in the home and I will put each letter into an individual envelope so that residents each receive their own sealed letter. This will really cheer them up in difficult and lonely times in lockdown. Do you think you can help?

We must follow some important privacy rules though:

Firstly, just write **Dear.....** and my friend will write the resident's names on the dots.

Secondly, do not sign your name at the end. Simply sign **from Oaks Class** **only** but then draw yourself either just as a smiley face or head and shoulders or full person so

that it is obvious if you are a boy or a girl if you can.

Do not import any photographs .

Now think about **what** you can write about.

Remember that you are trying to cheer one old person up in these difficult times. You are just trying to let the old folk know that we are thinking about them. Please add some sentences along the lines of : ***I hope you are O.K. and managing in lockdown.***

You could write about your pets or interesting or funny things that have happened in lockdown. You could write down a funny little joke. Anything you like- just check with an adult that it is appropriate.

Think of this as a one-way communication to lift spirits ( so questions are not a good idea really).

My friend said that the residents would love to see any drawings and colourful little illustrations in your letters.

When you have completed the letter it needs to be attached to an email and sent to me (or

admin. at school and then passed onto me) so that I can check that you have remembered the privacy rules before I put the letters in envelopes and post through my friend's letterbox to take to the old folk.

This is your chance to help others and make a difference to someone's day.

Do you think you can do it?

I know you can!

If you don't finish this today or you want to write another letter at any time please just forward to admin or me. This could be an ongoing task whenever you feel the urge to write a happy letter to make someone's day a little less lonely.

Thank you Oaks. You are all stars.



Ms. P.