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Dear Children of Burton Joyce Primary School,

Hello everyone, how are you all? I hope you have had another good week. I know lots of you have been busy working on your schoolwork and other activities. Well done those of you who had a go at making some pictures from things you found in your garden - I loved looking at your photos of them. I have really enjoyed receiving your emails and seeing some of the amazing things you have been doing. Thank you for sharing these with me. Keep sending them to me!

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I have also had another busy week at school and home. Two exciting things happened this week for me, both involving birds! On Tuesday morning I went out for a walk very early in the morning, before I came to school, it was only just beginning to get light and as I went through the fields a beautiful Barn owl flew across the path in front of me. I stood very still and quiet so as not to frighten it. It was so majestic, it zig-zagged between the hedgerows before flying back out across the fields to land in a tree. Amazing!

The second exciting bird moment came yesterday. Arthur, Isobel and I went for a walk along the river near our house, we'd been walking for a little while when suddenly there was a flash of blue over the water. It was a Kingfisher! Do you know I've never seen a Kingfisher in real life, I've only ever seen them on television or in books? I was very excited, I tried to get my phone out of my pocket to take a picture of it but by the time I did it had vanished!

It is now the Easter holiday, so your teachers have not set you more schoolwork to do. However, we have put lots of activities and links on the website for you to have a look at and keep busy. Of course, if you haven't completed the work on your grids yet you need to do that. Your teachers will be sending you a new grid of school work at the end of next week.

I know this Easter holiday is going to feel quite different from our usual holidays. It is really important that we all do stay at home as much as we can, by doing so we are helping keep everyone safe. I understand it is frustrating, but you mustn't be having play dates and meeting up with your friends. I know this is hard because you miss your friends very much, but you are actually being a really good friend by staying at home.

Why don't you try learning something new this week? Isobel is trying to teach me a tap dance! This is causing great amusement to everyone else! Arthur and I are also going to make some more rainbow pictures to go in our window. Of course, there are lots of things we can do to keep our brains and bodies active from going in the garden, baking, reading, drawing to playing board games.

Your teachers are all missing you very much and continue to think about you and hope you are well. Remember things will, in time, go back to normal and I am really looking forward to seeing you all back at school really soon.

Take care everyone. Keep smiling, I'll be thinking of you.

Mrs Cook

