

Hi Folks,

I am writing to ask you all for your help with two things:

Firstly, I have contacted Ashchurch View to see if there is anything that we can do to help them as they are our close neighbours and they are vulnerable and isolated at the moment. We have taken part in many things with them in the past, most recently writing to the residents and receiving letters back in reply, which was a great experience for everyone. The residents there really enjoyed doing this activity with us, and now would really appreciate more letters from you. I know a few of you have already done this, and your letters and pictures have been greatly appreciated. Anything that you have already sent in has been put up on display for everyone to see, and has been greatly admired. All the work that you send will be put alongside this.

As well as the residents, the staff are working extra, extra hard at the moment and would also really love to receive pictures to cheer them up and to help them feel supported, in the same way that clapping on a Thursday does.

They would love to know about the things you have been doing, how you are feeling, things you are looking forward to, etc. They would also like to receive pictures. You could draw the view out of your window, your pets, yourself or someone you like. You are all really great artists, so I know they would love to receive one – we would all love that I think!

Secondly, Kirsty Parkinson has asked for some of your lovely pictures to brighten up her hospital ward for the patients and the staff. Rainbows are very popular, but anything bright and cheery will be very much appreciated.

If you would like to do something for either of these places, please can you take a clear photograph of your work, let me know who it is for, and send it via email to me at nkelsey@ashchurch.gloucs.sch.uk . We cannot risk any cross contamination by sending the actual pieces of paper, so please do NOT send anything directly to Ashchurch View, Gloucester or Cheltenham hospitals.

I can't wait to see your letters and pictures, and I'm sure that places that receive them will be really very grateful indeed.

You can make a difference!

Thank you all very much.

Mrs Kelsey