

A Message from Northumbear



Hey kids

How are you doing? Are you managing to keep smiling and are you being good little angels? What are you up to each day? Are you driving the grown-ups mad yet?



I know these are really difficult times for us all. I've been inside my house with my brother, Oswaldain and my best friend NElephant and we've been playing marbles, talking to our friend Freddie the Frog and eating far too much cake.



Of course, it's red and yellow cake, because we love Northumberland so much, and it is absolutely delicious, but we've really been piling on the pounds! The scales are groaning!

We might bake for a Northumberland Day cupcake to cut some calories ... what do you think? Why don't you join us, bake a cake and send us some pics, on Twitter or Facebook or Instagram? Make sure you let us know by using **#NorthumberlandDay** or **@northumberlandday** (Oswaldain will get in a strop if not. He's got chronic FOMO!). Sshh, though, don't tell him that I'm the only one with an Instagram account (Northumbear). It can be OUR secret, OK?



The three of us try to do a few exercises with Joe Wickes in the mornings, but how the muscles hurt after that! NElephant also has a bit of trouble with her trunk when she tries to touch her toes! That's elephants for you!

So, it's a teeny bit dull at the moment. Luckily, Oswaldain has a plan. He'd just nabbed an ice pop and given himself brain-freeze when he came up with a great idea (unusual for him, I have to admit!) Red and yellow are pretty bright colours, aren't they, so why don't we all put some red and yellow flags in our windows on Northumberland Day and brighten things up? Why don't you dress in red and yellow too? Turn your world red and yellow! Why not?



As I said, Oswaldain will get mad if you don't let him see all this stuff, so get it all up and around the house ready for May 24th (that's a Sunday, by the way) and let's get sharing all these pics. What's not to like about it?

And finally, there are some folk out there doing some great stuff at the moment, so why don't you download this message here and send it to someone stupendous on Northumberland Day? It says, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart." I'm sure you can choose someone that you love enough with this message on May 24th.



So that's enough rambling. Just check out my writing competition and enter – you know you want to – take part in our quiz and challenge with your parents and spread the love around. It's one of the best – if not the best thing in life – and it comes free. It even beats red and yellow Northumberland Day cake.

Love to all my buddies out there!
Northumbear(oh & NElephant and Oswaldain!)

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