**Keep Learning**

When it was confirmed that I was no longer to attend my office due to the current situation I quietly packed my bag and contemplated what the next few weeks would look like;

I will start and finish each day early, I will read part of a business related book each day, I will timetable the kids ‘school’ day down to the minute, I will learn Russian or Mandarin or Italian, maybe even all three.

I very quickly learnt that none of the above was going to be the reality. The reality was that I’d learn to adapt each day.

I’d learn to put a red cross on the study door to avoid the kids suddenly appearing in my Zoom meeting.

I’d learn that my kids default attention span on school work is limited. Very limited.

I’d learn that teachers deserve pay rises. And greater respect. And maybe a medal.

I’d learn that my amazing wife can keep several plates spinning at once and I’m more concerned about my lunch plate.

I’d learn that I love my new morning commute.

I’d learn that I’d not learn a foreign language (I’m not going anywhere anytime soon) or to play the guitar or piano.

I’d (re)learn that I’m very lucky. Everything I need or want is stuck in the house with me.

I’d learn that at 99 years of age you can inspire a nation.

I’d learn that learning doesn’t need to just be about academic pursuits. Learning can be simple and personal. Learning can also just be a reminder of everything that you already knew.

Maybe one day I’ll go and learn Russian or Mandarin or Italian or the guitar. But maybe not.