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Hi Maxl

I know, sorry, it's like writing something from the stone age but I can't e-mail at the moment so I thought I'd put pen to paper instead. Mum says that it proves that the old-fashioned ways are often better. I don't know whether I agree with her but it's raining cats and dogs at the moment so I've got plenty of time on my hands-just as well really seeing as my bike's got a puncture. It's not stopping Barkley from digging up the garden though. Trust Chris to give him a bone!

Anyway, how are you? Hope you're feeling better after your fall. I suppose it won't be too long before the plaster comes off and you're skating again. What's it been, five weeks? Have many people signed it by the way? I know I want to.

It's only been a short time but I'm settling well into my new class and have started to make some good friends. Mr Turnbull isn't half as funny as Mrs Watkins though. We went on a school trip last week to visit 'Body Zone'. It was really interesting, much more so than I thought it would be. Most of the exhibitions were interactive. I learnt loads! Did you know that over 90% of our body is made up of water? So why, then, don't we freeze solid during winter? I'll be a monkey's uncle if I know.

Our new house is great. Best of all I don't have to share any more. As the eldest I got to choose the biggest bedroom. I can even lock Pat out when I'm on the computer. Ah, peace at last!

Dad says you're more than welcome to come down during half term and stop over (but only if you promise to leave your skateboard behind). Let me know whether or not you can make it and I'll sort it out. Mum says that we can easily pick you up from the station and that the rail fare is not that expensive.

WARNING: Little Sam is still crying throughout the night keeping us all awake. And so is the stench of dirty nappies. Bring ear plugs and a pegl

I'm off to watch the footy now. Chelsea are playing Liverpool. Come on the Reds!

See you soon eh?

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P.S. Thanks again for the gift voucher. I'm thinking of downloading some music off the internet once we're connected