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Dear Parents

*I hope you are all well and remaining positive during these challenging times. We miss the children and on behalf of staff, I would like to thank you for your reassuring words and messages of thanks. It is a difficult time and we pray and hope that things will improve for everyone.*

*It is wonderful to see what people are doing to support each other and those who work in the NHS and frontline workers who are fighting COVID-19. I am pleased that we have been able to help by offering child care provision to key workers who need it. Staff have been keen to volunteer to do their part in helping others, which has meant we have been able to continue with cover until 3rd April 2020. Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer provision over the Easter holidays. However, I am trying to find local schools who will and I will email information out to key parents shortly.*

*It is at times like this we see the best in people and a strong sense of community. Yesterday's acknowledgement to all staff working in the NHS and the frontline, was overwhelming and emotional. Please do continue to support each other by keeping in touch and through prayers.*

*So many people have been helping us as a school and reaching out to others. I would like to thank Mrs McGrath for organising deliveries of fresh food to our school over the past few days, to support some of our families. She has been working with 'Good Food Matters' to offer us help and all their staff have been amazing. A special thanks to Carole Short and Steve Phaure who have been amazing. We have been in regular contact with some of our vulnerable families to offer specific practical help, so please do email me if you are worried or need help. Please use the following email [head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk)*

*I check my emails regularly and will always reply promptly*

*Do encourage the children to email me and I will pass on messages to staff. I would love to hear from them and will reply. Send me pictures of some of the things you are doing and let me know if you are happy for them to go onto our website with messages. I've added some puzzles for you to work on with your children. Email me your answers or some new puzzles I can publish in my newsletter next week.*

*We need to support each other and look forward to the day we come back to St Joseph's family and be even stronger and supportive of each other, more than we ever have. Take care and look after yourself and each other*

Mrs Fernandes – Headteacher



Dear Children

We are really missing you and look forward to the day we all come back to school. I hope you are working hard, exercising and being kind to the adults who are looking after you. All the staff send their love and have been impressed with the work you have completed. Everyone sends their love to you all. I thought it would be nice, if you could write a letter or a message to the people working in the NHS, pharmacies, and other places, to say thank you for all they are doing. You can email it to me with a picture, or post it to the school and I will forward it onto them. I am sure they will appreciate your lovely messages.

I am sending you some puzzles in this newsletter and if you solve them, send me your answers to me on: [head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk). Please write to me and I will pass on your messages to all the staff, we would love to hear what you are doing.

Remember to keep healthy and exercise and please pray for all those people who are on their own and those who are sad at this time. Be good, work hard and be kind.

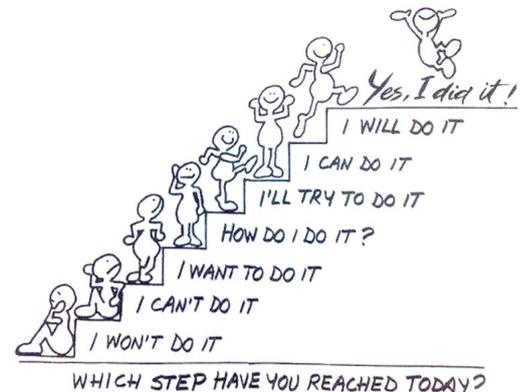
Lots of love

Mrs Fernandes and all the staff at St Joseph's



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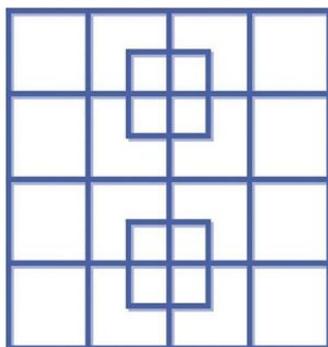
If you are experiencing any issues with accessing the work on the website, please email the website and Ms Allery will respond as soon as possible. New work will be uploaded every Friday and any useful websites/resources will be uploaded on our school website, so please do check regularly.



## PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

**I speak without a mouth and hear without ears.  
I have no body, but I come alive with wind.**

**What am I?**



**How many squares are in the picture?**

