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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the start of the summer term and I hope your child's home learning is going well. This week has seen the introduction of some excellent new websites to support your child's learning. They are interactive and contain a number of great resources and videos. The links are:



www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize



www.thenational.academy/

Another good link to help with phonics is:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCIg9GdxtQ

but please be aware that daily phonic lessons are being uploaded daily (and removed 24 hours later) onto Youtube.



Thank you to everyone who sent me the answers to the puzzle of the week and for the messages and photos of exciting things the children have been doing. They have been uploaded onto our school website. To help keep in touch, we have set up year group email addresses located on the next page of this newsletter. Staff will be delighted to hear from you.

If you are in receipt of support as a result of free school meals status, please do ensure you check your emails weekly, as activation codes for supermarket vouchers, will be emailed to you. Do check your spam or junk box, as often they go into these folders.

From previous correspondence, you will have heard that Mrs McLeary will be retiring at the end of April, after over thirty years of dedicated service to St Joseph's School. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment over the years. I know you will join with me in wishing her all the best. We will have a chance to say good bye to her in the Autumn term, as we would like to mark her retirement with a School Mass and give her the wonderful farewell she deserves.

I know year 6 will be disappointed to have missed being involved in all the traditional end of year 6 celebrations. However, please be assured that we will have time to say goodbye and mark the end of the time at St. Joseph's School. We are hoping to hold a Prize giving event in the Autumn term followed by a social event. Once we are clearer about restrictions regarding returning to school and gatherings, we will be able to plan events for the Autumn term.

Keeping in touch is so important and to further support this, we have set up class email addresses which have been sent to you. We are currently developing an online learning platform to enable interactive learning. Safeguarding is our key priority and we need to ensure that if children

are communicating with staff via online learning, that it meets all safeguarding guidelines and also does not exclude those families who do not have access to the internet and technology. We have currently made alternative arrangements for them to enable them to access materials. I appreciate many schools within the private sector and secondary stage, are doing this and while it is useful it can be quite costly, so we are looking at ways to address it. As soon as I have further information, I will share it with you.

My thanks to all the staff who continue to support children of key workers, coming into school. We miss seeing all the children and everyone in our school community, but look forward to the day we return. On behalf of everyone, I would like to thank all the key workers everywhere, who tirelessly serve others. Key worker children in school, have painted a wonderful rainbow banner to thank all our key workers. It will be displayed outside the Infant School on Crown Dale, once completed. Thank you to Mrs Hudson for organising this and to staff who helped. I hope you have a good week, keep safe and do remember if you need help or advice, please email me on: head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Class email addresses are as follows:

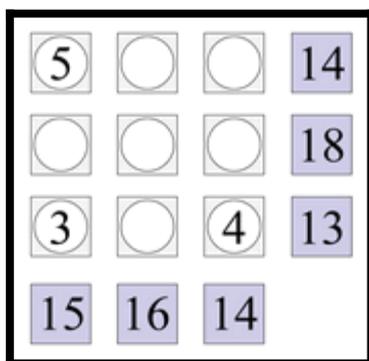
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Take care and I wish you all a happy healthy week. If you need to contact me, please do email me on: head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk

Mrs Fernandes – Headteacher

PUZZLE OF THE WEEK



What can travel around the world while staying in a corner?

What has many keys but can't open a single lock?

KEEP FIT & HELP OTHERS



What is your challenge? Why not get fit and help others in the process. Follow this link to find out what you can do.

www.twopointsixchallenge.co.uk/