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Dear Parents

Thank you for the many messages from both you and your children this week, together with pictures of what you have been doing. We look forward to receiving them, so please do email whenever you have a chance. The riddles and challenges set in my last week's newsletter, went down a treat and answers submitted were spot on! Well done everyone, see if you can answer this week's challenge.

I am delighted with the way all of you have adapted to learning in a new way at home. Engagement is amazing and well done to everyone for accessing our 'learning at home' page. Please do not worry if your child does not complete all work set. I appreciate the difficulties you face with having to balance the needs of family life, work and other additional responsibilities.

We are living through an unprecedented crisis impacting on everyone's life. There isn't a perfect answer, or way to support your child and family. One certainty, is that you just need to talk to them and learn with them. Reassure them that they are safe and loved and place their faith in God. You as parents will always be your child's primary educator and every outstanding educator achieves results through talking, enjoying learning, making mistakes and working together.

I have every faith that you are doing a great job and there will be time in the future, to build on learning. Every individual is different, but we are all in this together. Take time to enjoy time as a family and make the most of new opportunities we may previously not have had in our busy lives. Over the next two weeks, (which would have been our Easter holidays,) do take time out from completing tasks and relax together. We will not be uploading new directed activities as it is the Easter holidays. Continue to enjoy stories, read daily, play board games and have fun. We will be closed over the Easter break and return on the 20th April only for children of key workers.

If at anytime (even during the Easter break) you have any questions, need support or advice, please do email me on the following address: head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

I would like to thank all my staff for their amazing support and working together to ensure our school community is well supported. They have been truly fantastic. Despite having our own family commitments, we have been able to maintain an extensive home learning programme and ensure provision for key workers' children in school. Thank you to our key worker parents for your invaluable work and for working with us to keep children at home where ever possible. Thank you for your consideration.



The Governors have asked me to convey their best wishes to everyone in our school community and look forward to the day we can all come together.

As you know, Mrs McLeary will be retiring at the end of April and I know you will want to join with me to thank her for everything she has done for the school for over 30 years. We are not going to say goodbye to her, but look forward to welcoming her back when we return, so we can thank her properly and give her the farewell she so justly deserves. Mrs McKeever will also be leaving us and again we look forward to inviting her back when we return, to say farewell.

Dear Children

I hope you have all settled down into a routine of learning at home. I have loved seeing pictures of your work and look forward to reading more of your messages and sharing them with staff. As you know, the NHS are opening up a new hospital – 'The Nightingale hospital' A message has been sent out that they would love to see some of your pictures, messages and cards and have asked that you share it with them via #RainbowsForNightingale. If you do not have a Twitter account, please send it to the school website, via an enquiry form and it will be sent on. In a tweet, the official NHS Nightingale London account asked people to share their artwork digitally using #RainbowsForNightingale. Could you please take a picture of your work and email it to me so we can also add it onto our school website.

Have a good Easter break, be kind to all the adults looking after you and don't worry if you cannot do all the work, or find things difficult, we will have lots of time in the future to learn and grow together and 'learn to love and love to learn'. Keep safe and do write and email your pictures to me. I look forward to hearing from you and sharing your news with staff.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

Mrs Luri asked me to pass on this message to you.

Dear children (Chers enfants),



Thanks to Mrs Fernandes, for regularly sharing your messages, so that we can keep in touch with you. I have to say, I am proud of all of you doing, your work at home during this difficult time. The fact that you are adapting so well to this new way of learning shows a lot about your maturity. It goes without saying, that I miss all of you: being in the playground, doing my groups, having a chat and of course teaching you French. Keep up the good work and have fun until we can be reunited again to share our different stories...If you want to keep up with French, Remember the cool activities you can access to on Purple Mash? They are fun to do, so I definitely know that you will enjoy them! :)

To close my message, I wish for you to stay safe and to keep sending your messages which bring me happiness and a sense of being with you all.

A très bientôt (see you very soon)

Madame Luri qui pense à vous (Mrs Luri who thinks of you)

