

9th April 2020

Dear Parents

I hope you have all received a copy of your child's mid year report, sent out on Tuesday, 7th April to give you information on your child's progress to date. Please email me if you have not received it.

Thank you for your good wishes and lovely messages. The staff and I look forward to receiving them together with your pictures. We are missing you and look forward to the day we come together as a school community, stronger than ever as a result of coming through this crisis.

Thank you to class teachers for their wonderful personal letters, emailed to you on Wednesday, please do share them with your child. They include a range of fun activities to enjoy over the Easter break. My thanks to Donna Durie for sharing this great resource <https://www.hebburnlakes.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/2020-Covid-19-time-capsule-sheets.pdf> It is about gathering information for a time capsule. Do please log onto the link for some great ideas. School will be closed until Monday, 20th April, when we will open for children of key workers only.

We are currently in 'Holy Week', a major event in our Church's calendar. Please do take time to talk to your child about it and remember the true meaning of Easter. Try to make time to pray together and reflect on God's message and the strength he gives us. We may not be able to attend Mass or go to Church, but praying together in our homes is important. Please use the following link which will give you access to home liturgies. <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/sunday-liturgy-for-families>

We may not be in school together, seeing each other on a daily basis, but we are here to support and help you with whatever you need. It can be a lonely time, but don't ever feel that you are alone, we are here for you. Please email me at head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk and I will respond.

I wish you and your family a Happy Easter and may God bless us all with strength, love and health.

Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

*"When this is over, may we not take for granted:
A handshake with a stranger,
full shelves at the store,
conversations with neighbours, a crowded theatre...
Friday night out, the taste of communion,
a routine check-up, the school rush each morning...
Coffee with a friend, the stadium roaring,
each deep breath...
A boring Tuesday, Life itself.
When this ends, may we find that we have become
more like the people we wanted to be...
we were called to be...
we hoped to be and may we stay that way...
better for each other because of the worst."*

Easter Prayer

The veil of darkness
Transformed to the brightest light.

The most dreadful end
Became the most beautiful beginning.

The depths of despair
Fade to reveal hope everlasting.

The curse of death
Defeated by eternal life.

Thank you Lord, for the wonder of Easter.

