

1st May 2020

Dear Parents

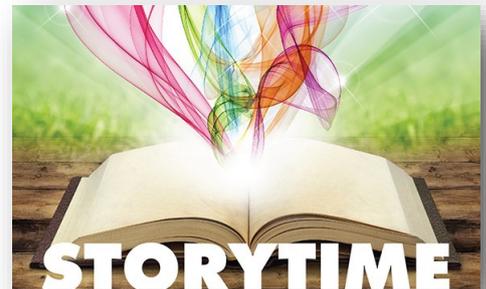
*I hope your week has gone well. I am delighted to see that many of you have been using the year group email addresses to send lovely messages and correspond with staff, regarding tasks set. I have seen some excellent work completed at home. Parents you are doing a great job!*

*Please do visit our school website to see great examples of home learning, do keep emailing your pictures, either on [head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk) or one of the class emails.*

*I am sure you must be following Government updates in the news. We are hoping to have more information next week regarding current restrictions and procedures to follow. It is too early to say when schools will reopen, but I will contact you as soon as details are available. School continues to be open to children of key workers, identified pupils benefiting from support and those with Educational Health Care Plans. Children have been great and I am pleased we have been able to offer this provision with the help of staff.*

### St Joseph's Storytime

*Videos of staff reading stories, will be uploaded onto our school website, from Monday. Do please share them with your child and I hope they will enjoy sharing some of our favourite texts. Different stories will be uploaded regularly and if you have a favourite story you would like to hear, please let me know ([head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk))*



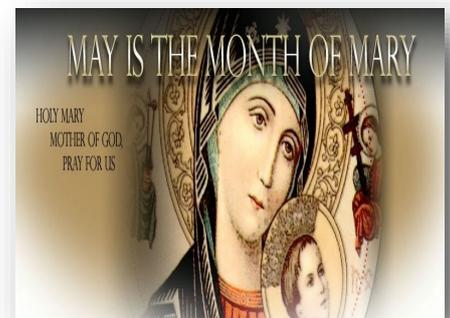
*I had lots of fun on one of my walks last week, putting together a short quiz on local attractions. It is entitled, Mrs Fernandes' mystery tour (on the school website.) If you have the answers to my questions, do email me.*



### Captain Tom celebrates his 100th birthday

*St Joseph's wishes Captain Tom a very happy birthday and congratulations on raising over £32,000,000 for the NHS. I would like to thank St Joseph's PTA for donating £100 on behalf of St Joseph's School Community.*

*We miss seeing the children and everyone in our school community and look forward to the day we are back at school together. We are in the month of May, a time dedicated to Our Lady, Jesus' mother. Please try and say the Rosary with your child regularly to thank her for her love and guidance.*





## Daily Prayers for Home

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/daily-prayers-for-home>

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/sunday-liturgy-for-families/>

Please see the above resources. They are excellent to use as a family. Do try to build in some reflective time to spend together and say a prayer.

I wish you all a happy and healthy week and please do remember if you need any support or just someone to talk to, please contact me on the school number or email me on head @st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk and I will get in touch with you.

## **BANK HOLIDAY - FRIDAY, 8TH MAY 2020 - SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED**

I would like to share this poem by Catherine (Kitty) O'Meara (2020) with you.

*And the people stayed home. And they read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art, and played games, and learned new ways of being and were still. And they listened more deeply. Some meditated, some prayed, some danced. Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.*

*And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to heal.*

*And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images, and created new ways to live and heal the earth fully, as they had been healed.*

I wish you all a happy and healthy week.  
Mrs Fernandes - Headteacher

## COMPETITIONS & FUN ACTIVITIES

Please see the links below for some excellent resources and activities for your children to complete



John Lewis & Partners - Calling all kids! We need your help designing a superhero-themed bear to grace our shelves this Christmas. All proceeds will go to the NHS in support of all their incredible work. <https://youtu.be/qXIz5Gs-IwY>



Crystal Palace Foundation - <https://www.cpfoundation.co.uk/news/2020/april/free-to-download-crystal-palace-childrens-activity-booklet/>



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