

10<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Children

I hope you are all well and keeping busy, fit and healthy. I have really enjoyed dropping into some of your zoom lessons and this week I will try and see the classes I haven't visited as yet.

You have been outstanding and I'm keeping a close eye on the work you are turning into Google Classrooms. Please remember it is important for you to complete your tasks so your class teacher can see how well you are progressing.

We are missing you so much and look forward to all of you returning to school. Unfortunately, I can't tell you when, but I know it will happen one day. It is important that you follow all the rules and help everyone in your home and around to keep safe. Please remember to maintain social distancing and keep washing and sanitising your hands. I am sure you are missing your friends, but if we keep safe now and follow the rules, it will help us move closer to the time we can return to school.

I miss chatting to you and seeing your work, so I have come up with an idea that will definitely make me smile! I want you to email me pictures of you working at home and photos/scans of some of your work. I would love to share it on our website or just print it off and display it around the school if your parents would prefer for it not to go on the website. Please email me on [head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk) I look forward to hearing from you and seeing your work.

The last time we went into lockdown, I loved receiving messages and pictures from you, I get to see the children in school and the great work they are doing, so it would be great to hear from you.

I have another task for you. I would like you to try and plant a seed or a bulb in a pot this week. Put your name and class on it and keep looking after it while you are away from school. I would like you to take pictures and see how it is growing with you caring for it. When we return to school it would be fabulous if we could all bring in our plants and plant them in our class gardens or keep them in the classroom.

The seeds and bulbs are just like us. We need to be cared for, to eat, exercise and learn or we cannot grow. You could name your plant, even give it your own name. Wouldn't it be amazing to see all the wonderful plants grow and thrive when we return to school.

Parents, thank you for supporting your child and I appreciate the challenges you must be facing. If you need anything please contact us. If you have a problem with accessing google classrooms please email the class teacher. Zoom sessions are only for children to participate and enjoy learning together. Please do not join in or ask questions during zoom lessons. Class teachers are more than happy to call you or respond to an email.

Children please do send me in messages and photos of your work and I look forward to seeing you on zoom through the week. I was delighted to email merit certificates to children nominated this week. Children receiving a certificate will have their names published in the newsletter. We may even award a prize to the best class turning in the most work every two weeks.

Until we all meet again in school, take care, work hard and see you on zoom.

Mrs Fernandes  
Headteacher

