

Dear Children,

How are you all? School has been pretty busy since we last saw you and so I thought I would write to let you know a few things.

Firstly, we miss you all so very much! School is very quiet and all of the teachers feel so lost without you there. We miss your smiling faces and we miss the laughter and excitement that you bring to St. John's every day.

The teachers are all well and we are trying to make sure that only a few of us come in each day with the children that **need** to be in. These children are also being brilliant. Their parents have important jobs at the moment and so they have to be in school and despite knowing that all the other children are at home, they have come in each day with a smile on their faces.

I hope all of you are OK. Remember to keep up with your reading, maths and spellings. But also remember that singing, drawing, dancing, cookery and exploring the garden are just as important. Maybe you could take photos of your garden each day and notice the changes that are happening in nature – take time to notice the small things? I hope you are also remembering the most important jobs you have at the moment; washing your hands regularly and helping out your mums, dads and carers by being patient, brave and sensible while at home.

Finally, don't be fearful, be hopeful. If you are worried about anything, tell a trusted adult and let them keep that worry for you. There are lots of scary things happening on the news at the moment but try to look for the good. Things are changing every day and maybe those changes will bring good things for the future. Maybe we will begin to see a different way of doing things from now on that will improve all of our lives.

In the meantime, all of the teachers in school wish you and your families good health. Please remember that next week is Holy Week. Take some time to remember Christ's final journey to the cross. Remember the huge sacrifice He made for us – maybe this helps us to put the sacrifices that we are currently called to make in to perspective.

Lastly on behalf of all of your teachers at St John's, may we wish you and your families a very happy Easter. You will remain close in our thoughts and prayers

Take care and we will, I hope, see you soon,

Mr Gallagher and everyone at St. John the Baptist School.