

## Our Incredible Children

As we come towards the end of this phase of lockdown together and begin another half term holiday with a difference I want to say once again – Thank You! You have now spent the last 9 weeks away from school; a school that has become much quieter and much emptier than the one we were so used to. It has been both the strangest of times and yet also a very special time. Strange, because it is different and unexpected but also incredibly special because we have connected in ways that perhaps we never knew we could. Despite your families each being in their own homes, our community feels stronger than ever. This gives us...



... and the courage to know that we are not alone.

**We are all in this together.**

Thank you for how adaptable you have been. You have spent many weeks now at home, away from your friends and your teachers who care so much about each one of you. You have shown huge resilience and strength. We must remember that this has been a different time but hopefully not a sad time, as you have continued to make many memories with your families at home. Yes, you've worked hard – you've completed the learning newsletters set by your own teachers but you have also enjoyed time to be present in each others company. This will be something to treasure and to learn from. When the busyness of everyday life begins to resume, you will know the importance of creating moments of stillness to be together as a family.

I'm sure it hasn't always been easy - you will have had, and may still have, your own worries about this time. Your grown ups too will have similar worries. It is important to share these with the people around you. Continue to ask the questions that puzzle you and talk honestly about how you feel and why. Through all of this, I know you will have shown great patience and understanding in your own homes. Thank you!

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The next few weeks will bring with them some changes again. We will begin to welcome back some of you into your different year groups and even more teachers too. It is understandable that it will feel quite strange at first. There will be new rules to follow, classrooms will look a little different and class sizes for now will remain small. However, I look forward to seeing our

classrooms filled once more with your smiles and your friendships. You will learn and you laugh together again. You will support each other in the way you always have.

You have already displayed remarkable courage and strength. We are all incredibly proud of each one of you. A few weeks ago I asked for some photos of you enjoying the simple things in life. We put them together and included them in a video with the words... *'You are living through history. Make it a time to remember, not because it was uncertain, scary or tough but because we were thankful for all we already have.'* From the stories I hear from home and the photographs I've seen, your example of thankfulness has always shone through. You have written a very honest story in history, showing great determination, never giving up and believing in brighter days ahead.

Take that attitude with you into every challenge life throws at you as you grow up.


Thank you for being **YOU**.

With love,  
Miss Fenwick



It's not too late to send in your Living History work. I've loved looking at all the entries. Keep them coming!

Send to:  
[livinghistory@st-alloysius.co.uk](mailto:livinghistory@st-alloysius.co.uk)  
or pop them in the drop box outside of the Junior School.

<p><b>Activity One:</b> <b>Write a letter to your future self. Explaining what you have noticed and are experiencing now and how it makes you feel.</b></p> <p>Let's see if we can get some letters from people of all different ages in our community. Pupils (Past and present), Parents, grandparents and community members.</p> 	<p><b>Think About</b> Introduction... Who are you as a person? (age etc) What suddenly changed? At home... How did you connect with friends? What did you do to stay busy? How did you celebrate big occasions? What did you miss the most? What did you enjoy about staying at home? What were the challenges? What are your dreams and hopes for when this is all over?</p>
<p><b>Activity Two:</b> <b>Draw around and colour or print with paint the hands of the people in your home. Write about what family means to you?</b></p>  <p>How have your families supported each other through this challenging time? What have you enjoyed most about your time together?</p>	<p><b>Activity Three:</b> <b>Write a lockdown poem or some lockdown lyrics in a song about your experience.</b></p> <p>What have you noticed happening? How has lockdown unfolded for you and within your community? What have we learned?</p> 
<p><b>Activity Four:</b> <b>Produce some artwork symbolic of the time we stayed home.</b></p> <p>It may include the symbolic rainbow of hope or simply represent something you have enjoyed doing. It may be a piece you have created alone or a piece created as a family.</p> <p>Perhaps include a little caption to explain your artwork in a few words.</p> 	
<p><b>Activity Five: Write 'Just One Line'</b></p> <p>Write a line telling us either how you feel, what you've enjoyed, what you've missed, what your hopes for the future are? We'll use your lines to make a collaborative song/poem.</p>	