

15th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers (and of course children),

I can't believe that this would have been the end of the SATs week and we would have been celebrating the end of our testing and looking forward to our great results. How funny how the course of life can change so quickly? We may not have our achievements verified through testing but we know that the learning has continued and how you have continued to excel in your work. It was clearly evident in the book recommendations that Year 6 pupils wrote to Rashmi Sirdenshpande, which you can find on our twitter page. What a pleasure to read recommendations about the books our Year 6 students are reading. It gives me food for thought during my summer holiday!

Last Sunday evening the Government announced that schools will be asked to take more children into their settings from 1st June. Since then they have provided us with some further details for their plans and at present we are evaluating how this provision will look here at St Joseph's. I will be writing to the parents of the specific year groups on Monday with further details of a phased return.

I continue to be wowed by the amazing efforts our pupils have made to carry out acts of charity. Rory Siggery in Year 3, alongside his dad, raised over £1000 by having their heads shaved in support of Macmillan Cancer support. Well done, how brave! Also, a huge well done to Isaac van de Bergh and his mum for completing 27.9km towards their target of 100km in May. The proceeds of their fundraising will go towards Cancer Research UK. Information regarding their amazing feats can be found on our twitter page: <https://twitter.com/StJosephsCSP>

I would like to thank you again for your continued support in such challenging times. I do not have a crystal ball and cannot say what is going to happen in the future, but please be assured that the wellbeing of your children and the school community will take prominence in any decisions made.

Although we are now allowed out for longer and can meet up with one other person (keeping two metres apart) we must still focus on our mental wellbeing. [MindEd](#) is a free online educational resource on children and young people's mental health for all adults, which can support parents and carers through these exceptional circumstances. Please take care of each other.

As always, the start of the week will begin with our school assembly on Monday morning. This will be available on the website, in the pupils' tab, in the Assemblies folder at 9am. Please click on the link, 18th May, to join this.

Have a good week and keep safe!
With God's blessing,

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