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Good afternoon children,

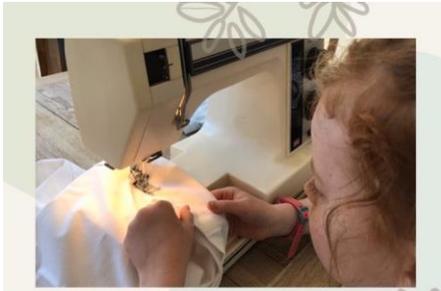
Let me begin my letter today by telling you all how very much we miss you here at St Joseph's. The school is so quiet and we are all looking forward to your return, filling the school with noise and love. You have now completed your second week of online learning on 'Seesaw' and 'Tapestry', and I hope that it has become a little easier to navigate. The teachers have told me how they love receiving the work you have been completing and it brings joy to an otherwise boring day.

I hope that you have continued to distance yourself from others and follow the guidance laid out by the government and Public Health England. You have probably been asking lots of questions and have thought a lot about the current situation. There is a free book that will have lots of answers to questions about Coronavirus. You can download it by clicking on this link: [https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus\\_ABookForChildren.pdf](https://nosycrowcoronavirus.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/Coronavirus_ABookForChildren.pdf)

There is also a guide with suggestions of things you can do, some of which are great fun. Have a look here: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/cco-childrens-guide-to-coronavirus.pdf>

This can be a worrying time and in uncertainty it is important that we share these fears with others. Don't keep things to yourself! Ask the adults in your home lots of questions; keep in contact with your friends and family – find fun things to do together from a distance; structure your day – school work in the mornings and fun activities in the afternoon; try and learn a new skill – knitting, weaving?

Lots of people have decided to turn a negative situation into a positive one. Look at Captain Tom Moore, 100 years of age who has walked 100 lengths of his 25-metre garden, raising over £32,000,000 for the NHS. Incredible! We also have people who have thought of others and used their talents to do something good. Lucy in Year 2, has used her sewing talents to make scrub bags for Key Workers in the NHS, whilst asking for sponsors to raise money. Alex in Year 5 and Evie in Year 2, have taken on the '2.6 Challenge', running 2.6 miles to raise money for the TSA Charity, who would normally receive charitable donations from the London Marathon, which had to be cancelled this year due to Covid 19. It so wonderful to hear about their amazing actions. It is so good to see young people following in the footsteps of Jesus!



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Thank you to Lucy, Alex and Evie for thinking of others!

I hope that you will be joining the Monday assembly at 9am to start your week.

Be strong and be safe!

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